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A wounded rebel fighter lies in the back of a pickup truck making its way to a hospital in the Syrian city of Aleppo on Thursday. The battle in Syria heated up dramatically as rebels encircled President Bashar al Assad's stronghold in the capital. As the noose tightens around Damascus, Assad faces tough choices about what to do next: Fight or flee? Story, page 18. ODD ANDERSEN/GETTY IMAGES

Failed clinics may still be operating

Health inspections. Focused on clinics that use anesthesia and offer cosmetic surgery, colonoscopies, cataract surgery and pain alleviation

The College of Physicians and Surgeons of Ontario has refused to say whether nine clinics that failed their inspections are still operating.

And with the names of those clinics not released, the public still has no idea which ones failed inspections.

"The college is not in a position to answer any further questions specifically related to the results of premises inspections until such time as council passes a bylaw permitting this," Prithi Yelaja, a spokesperson for the college, said on Thursday.

The refusal to reveal further details comes two days after the outgoing president, Dr. Bob Byrick, said the college was committed to transparency.

The college and Health Minister Deb Matthews said Wednesday that they hoped to change a bylaw that doesn't allow them to go public with the names of the clinics. They say changing it would allow failed clinics to be named on the college's public register, and people would be able to learn which clinics failed inspections on the college's website.

A recent college report revealed nine private clinics in Ontario failed inspections, while 64 others passed with conditions.

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Provincial rules

- Health Minister Deb Matthews said this week that if an inspection finds standards are not met, the clinic must take corrective actions and no physician can work there until it is reinspected and passes.

Gender bender at the zoo

Remember that male panda coming to Toronto next spring? Turns out the he-bear is a "husky" she-bear PAGE 4

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Suspect sought

Teen girl injured in hit-and-run

Composite sketch of a man wanted for questioning HANDOUT

Police are on the lookout for a driver after a teenage girl was injured in a hit-and-run in East York.

The 14-year-old was hit by a white GMC pickup truck as she crossed the street around 5:30 p.m. on Doncaster Avenue on Wednesday, police said. The girl was sent to hospital with serious but non-life-threatening injuries.

Police said the truck fled the scene and was last seen going east on Doncaster.

Police are searching for a man in his 40s or 50s with a white moustache and a heavy build. Anyone with information is asked to contact police at 416-808-1900.

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Close schools, cut staff: Report

The Toronto District School Board should get on with closing schools — 10 to 15 in the next two years to start — and crack down on maintenance staff, warns a consultant's review of board operations.

The PwC report also calls on the board to cut 175 caretaking jobs and 75 maintenance positions, cut high absenteeism rates by at least one day a year and outsource security, grounds and construction services — something it admits would involve tricky union contracts. If implemented, all recommendations together could save the board $50 million to $92 million.

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Cars in 'sharrows' wrongfully ticketed

To park, or not to park? Thousands fined for parking in lanes shared by both vehicles and cyclists

You've seen them on downtown streets: sharrows, those painted white road symbols, usually near the curb, showing a bicycle beneath two arrows.

A combination of the words shared and arrow, sharrows remind motorists to share the road with cyclists and show cyclists where to ride.

Although they are not bike lanes, since motorists use them too, sharrows have been the source of some confusion over whether drivers can park there.

According to Toronto police, motorists can be slapped with a $60 fine for parking in a designated bike lane, but not in sharrows.

"A sharrow is not a reserved bike lane and cannot be enforced as such," said Const. Wendy Drummond.

Tell that to the 351 motorists recently fined for parking in a bike lane at 101 Bloor St. W., for example, or the 405 ticketed for the same offence down the street at 131 Bloor. There are sharrows there, not bike lanes.

Indeed, according to data covering Oct. 31, 2011, to July 31, 2012, and analyzed by Torstar News Service, more than 4,000 motorists have been hit with the bike lane fine for parking on a street with sharrows.

A sharrow on Bloor Street near Bay. VINCE TALOTTA/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Of the 9,949 tickets issued for parking in a bike lane during those nine months, 48 per cent were written for parking on streets that do not have a bike lane — a number obtained by cross-referencing the addresses given on the parking tickets with the City of Toronto's Bikeways document, a cycling infrastructure record updated in April 2012.

More than 4,000 of those tickets were written on Bloor Street, between Avenue Road and Church Street, where there are no bike lanes, but is a no-parking zone 24 hours a day.

Anthony Fabrizi, manager of Toronto's parking operations, said the confusion could be due to interpretation of the bylaw.

"In my mind, bicycle lane can include a sharrowed piece of the road, because it's a bike lane and street lane."

But the law defines a bike lane as a reserved lane with a diamond sign on the pavement as well as signs marking it as a bike lane, White said. "We can't find anything that would make you think that sharrows should be considered bike lanes," she said. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Their Cup runneth over with glee

Players from the Parkwood Stars Major Atom Selects of Scarborough are surprised when the Stanley Cup comes to the team's practice at Scarborough Village on Thursday. The Stars are part of the Scotiabank Community Hockey Sponsorship Program, which sees a $1,000 grant given to each branch across the country to sponsor a local minor hockey team. VINCE TALOTTA/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

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Sentenced to life

Memory gap keeps killer from pleading guilty

Ayan Osman TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

In a rare court manoeuvre, a man who can't plead guilty to murder because he has no memory of committing the act has pleaded not guilty while still admitting to the incriminating facts.

Joey Shepherd can't remember stabbing his ex-spouse in her Toronto apartment two years ago or telling her to "die, die" — so he can't plead guilty, his lawyer, Tom Dungey, explained in Ontario Superior Court.

But Justice Ian Nordheimer found Shepherd guilty and sentenced him Thursday to life in prison with no hope of parole for 14 years. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Planned walkout

Liberals won't stop teachers' strike

The governing Liberals will not block planned one-day strikes by public elementary teachers starting next week, Premier Dalton McGuinty said Thursday.

He said his government won't use a controversial new anti-strike law to stop the walkouts, because the Elementary Teachers' Federation of Ontario is giving parents at least three-days notice.

So long as the strikes last only one day, his government is prepared to let it go. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Controversial project

Survey misses mark on arena

After months of debate on the controversial NHL-size arena project in Markham, a select number of residents received an email survey this week on the $325-million project masked as a "consumer goods" questionnaire.

Councillors say they weren't consulted and never signed off on the survey. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

What's black and white and mistaken for a male?

Panda Er Shun. Turns out 'husky' panda from China headed for Toronto Zoo's breeding program is a girl

The Toronto Zoo's regularly scheduled call with officials wrangling the delivery of two Chinese pandas began much like Father of the Bride Part II.

"They said, 'Are you all sitting, we have something to tell you,'" said Dr. William Rapley, the zoo's executive director of conservation, education and wildlife.

The bad news: The pair of pandas the Toronto Zoo was set to receive from China for a breeding program are female. The good news: Chinese officials figured that out before the pandas arrived, which increases the odds of success in the breeding program.

A blood sample taken during a "giant panda physical examination" in China last month revealed that Er Shun, the supposed male panda, had two X chromosomes.

Er Shun, whose name translates to "double smoothness" will still come to Toronto as a newly proclaimed female (the name is gender neutral). The original female set to come to Toronto has been swapped out for an "age appropriate" male selected by the Chinese Government: Da Mao.

Rapley visited Er Shun at the Chongqing Zoo in 2009, and even he was convinced by the bear's apparent male qualities. "It was a fairly husky-looking animal (and) males tend to be more husky and stronger," he said.

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Getting it wrong

Cases of mistaken identity do happen:

- In 2008, zookeepers in Japan realized two polar bears they were trying to mate were both female.
- A panda thought to be male in China recently gave birth.

Panda Er Shun eats bamboo at the Chongqing Zoo in Chongqing, China. Surprise, Er Shun is actually female. ADRIAN WYLD/THE CANADIAN PRESS

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A Toronto mayoral byelection could cost $9 million

The price of democracy. Councillors mull the costs of a byelection less than two years away from general election

It would cost taxpayers up to $9 million to hold a byelection for mayor of Toronto if an appeal court upholds Mayor Rob Ford's ouster from office.

An initial estimate of $7 million included the cost of polling stations and staff, but not the cost of rebating campaign donations, city staff told the budget committee Thursday.

In the 2010 election, the city doled out about $2.4 million in rebates to campaign contributors. Under the rebate program, someone contributing $300 gets back $225; a $1,000 contribution results in a $575 rebate and a $2,000 donation attracts a rebate of $908.33.

While the 2010 numbers include rebates for donations to councillor campaigns, the bulk of the rebates are related to donations to the mayoral candidates.

"It's a big price tag," said Coun. James Pasternak.

"The question will be whether council wants to approve a byelection with less than two years to go before the general election."

"It's something all councillors will have to think long and hard about," Pasternak said.

Mayor Rob Ford and his brother Coun. Doug Ford were elected as penny-pinchers, but are leading the charge for a byelection.

"What price do you put on democracy ?" Coun. Ford said Wednesday.

Several possible right-leaning candidates — councillor and TTC chair Karen Stintz, Coun. Denzil Minnan-Wong, and former Progressive Conservative leader John Tory — did not publicly rule out the possibility of a run even after it was made clear Mayor Ford can run for re-election.

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Breakdown

- **Appeal.** Mayor Rob Ford, elected in October 2010, was ordered out of office by a judge over a violation of the Municipal Conflict of Interest Act. That's on hold until after Divisional Court rules sometime after a Jan. 7 appeal hearing.
- **Byelection.** If Ford loses his appeal, council has the option of calling a byelection or appointing a caretaker mayor until the next general election in October, 2014.

The Toronto-York Spadina Subway Extension's tunnel boring machines "Yorkie" and "Torkie" have completed a rare double breakthrough at the extraction shaft located on Keele Street just north of Murray Ross Parkway. PHOTO COURTESY TTC

TTC's twin tunnel machines break through on YouTube

The TTC made a rare double breakthrough with its tunnel boring machines last week, and the event was posted on YouTube.

Powerful boring machines, dubbed "Yorkie" and "Torkie," broke through at the same time to excited applause during work on the 8.6-kilometre Toronto-York Spadina subway extension.

The extension runs from Downsview Station northwest through York University and north to the Vaughan Metropolitan Centre in York Region.

By the fall of 2016, you can expect to catch a train northbound from the existing Downsview Station to the Vaughan Metropolitan Centre at Highway 7 and Jane Street, the Toronto Transit Commission says on the website, with a map indicating the route.

The video, posted on Nov. 29, shows the machines boring through an extraction shaft located on Keele Street, just north of Murray Ross Parkway.

The TTC says this breakthrough made project history as the first double tunnel boring machine breakthrough, which is a rare occurrence in North America.

The tunnel boring machines will now be disassembled and moved north to the Highway 407 Station's site where they will build the remaining northern tunnels.

The machines bore an average of 15 metres a day.

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Tories 'don't know' if privatizing liquor sales would raise revenues

A proposal from Progressive Conservative Leader Tim Hudak to privatize liquor sales in Ontario may not generate more revenues for taxpayers, the party's finance critic admitted Thursday.

"You ask about how we know we'd make more money, I can tell you frankly we don't, but we don't know that we'd make any less money," Peter Shurman told reporters.

"We believe that it's essential to sit down with people who are specialists and come to a conclusion on, as Tim says, what the appropriate model should be."

Earlier this week, Hudak announced he would not cut taxes on alcohol, but would consider selling part or all of the LCBO, which brought in $1.65 billion to the province last year, excluding taxes.

Peter Shurman TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Standing beside Shurman at a news conference Thursday, Hudak insisted any sell-off of the LCBO would be different than the sale of Highway 407, which the last Conservative government sold in 1999 in what many consider to be a fire sale.

Crunching the numbers

"We believe that it's essential to ... come to a conclusion on ... what the appropriate model should be."

Conservative finance critic Peter Shurman

The Tory leader said Alberta never saw any drop in revenues when it privatized liquor sales, and pointed to a 2007 study done for Ontario's Liberal government that showed privatization could increase revenues for taxpayers. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Targeted thefts

Maserati spared in streak of Toronto break-ins

Police are asking for the public's help in connection with a rash of break-and-enters in the Toronto area that targeted homes with expensive vehicles.

Two dozen high-end vehicles were reported stolen between Aug. 3 and Nov. 11, after break-ins at more than 20 homes, but on at least two occasions the would-be thieves were foiled.

Police say suspects forced open a window at a west-end home (in The Kingsway/Prince Edward Drive area) on Oct. 13 and searched for keys to a Maserati parked in the driveway — but they fled without the car.

Police have recovered three vehicles and posted security camera images of the suspects on their website.

THE CANADIAN PRESS

Hole cut in wall

Police looking for toy thieves

Toronto police are seeking the public's help in tracking down thieves who cut a hole in a wall and made off with donated toys.

They say the theft was discovered Thursday when officers responded to a break-and-enter call in downtown Toronto (at 200 Wellesley St. E.).

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MODERNIZING ALSO MEANS REBUILDING CONFIDENCE, REPUTATION

ANDY BYFORD
CEO
TORONTO TRANSIT COMMISSION

The penultimate step in our 10-point plan to modernize the TTC is to rebuild stakeholder confidence.

For a number of reasons, customers, suppliers, politicians and media have lost some of their confidence in the TTC. It is my job to address this and I know this will take time and effort to achieve.

The TTC was once regarded as the envy of North America. That reputation has lost its shine over the years as funding has grown ever tighter and as system reliability has declined with age. Fleet renewal, a new fare card and expanded network capacity, such as the new Spadina subway extension, are all good. But rebuilding stakeholder confidence requires more than just new technology.

To truly regain the confidence of our various stakeholders, we must deliver on our promises, improve our basic competence as an organization and get radically better at the way we engage and consult with the community.

In recent times, we have, on occasions, missed deadlines due to unforeseen problems or overly ambitious timelines for projects. Pape Station modernization is a good example of a major makeover that has overrun — are genuine problems that we have had to be overcome, but we have let the community down regardless. Similarly, there has been a run of high-profile incidents that have embarrassed the Commission and the city, which have called our basic competence into question. Finally, we have not always been good neighbours, and we have, over time, developed a reputation for insensitivity and a "we-know-best" mentality. That has to change.

So what are we doing about this?

First, large projects will be subjected to a much more rigorous program-management discipline. This will ensure that projects are run to challenging but realistic time-scales, with regular, plain-speaking updates to affected parties. Second, a "back-to-basics" approach is being taken to drive up standards in the service we provide, and I will describe that in part 10 of our plan next week. Finally, a dedicated team has been established to professionalize our relationship with community groups, city councillors and other key stakeholders and to lead genuine, meaningful consultation as we expand and renew our network.

Ultimately, actions speak louder than words. You will judge us over coming months and years as to whether or not there has been sustained improvement in our service, our approach and, ultimately, our reputation.

MASTER AGREEMENTS SIGNED FOR PRESTO, LRT

On Wednesday, Nov. 28, Ontario Transportation Minister Bob Chiarelli, TTC Chair Karen Stintz, TTC CEO Andy Byford, City of Toronto Manager Joe Pennachetti, and Metrolinx CEO Bruce McCuaig officially signed a master agreement that will see the TTC adopt the PRESTO fare card by 2016.

With the PRESTO fare card, customers can enjoy seamless travel on transit systems across the GTA by using a simple "tap-and-go" pass. Customers will be able to load various types of fares. Currently, PRESTO is used for an average 20,000 rides every day at 14 TTC subway stations including Bloor-Yonge, College, Don Mills, Downsview, Dundas, Finch, Islington, Kipling, Queen's Park, St George, St Patrick, Union, Yorkdale, and York Mills. Customers will see further expansion of PRESTO with the arrival of the new streetcars in 2014, and in all subway stations and on all buses by 2016.

For more details on the PRESTO fare card, visit www.ttc.ca.

At the same signing meeting, the TTC and Metrolinx finalized a master agreement for the construction and operation of the four Metrolinx Light Rail Transit projects in Toronto — the Eglinton Crosstown, Scarborough, Sheppard East and Finch West LRTs. The four projects represent an $8.4-billion investment from the Province of Ontario.

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EVENTS

DEC. 7:

- **Dave Matthews Band at Air Canada Centre:** Subway to Union Station. Expect minor delays due to ongoing construction at the station.

DEC. 8 AND 9:

- **Toronto Marlies at Ricoh Coliseum:** 511 Bathurst streetcar to Exhibition Place.

DEC. 9:

- **Carrie Underwood at Air Canada Centre:** Subway to Union Station. Expect minor delays due to ongoing construction at the station.

DEC. 12:

- **Toronto Raptors at Air Canada Centre:** Subway to Union Station. Expect minor delays due to ongoing construction at the station.

SERVICE CHANGES

CONSTRUCTION:

- **501-301 Queen Streetcars** will divert via Coxwell, Gerrard, and Broadview from 9:30 p.m. to 4:30 a.m., Dec. 9-13, due to overhead wire replacement.
- **72A Pape** buses will divert via Church, Wellington, York, King, Church, and The Esplanade for work related to the Union Station Second Platform and Concourse Improvements Project until the end of the year.
- **509 Harbourfront** streetcars will be replaced by buses until spring 2013. Eastbound will divert via Lake Shore Blvd. Westbound via Queens Quay. The replacement bus stop on Bay, south of Front, has been relocated to the north side of Front Street.

For more information on these and other routes, please visit www.ttc.ca

YONGE-UNIVERSITY-SPADINA LINE CLOSED UNION TO ST ANDREW FOR TTC CONSTRUCTION

On Saturday, Dec. 8, and Sunday, Dec. 9, there will be no train service from Union to St Andrew Stations on the Yonge-University-Spadina line due to the construction of a second platform and modernization work at Union Station. Shuttle buses will not be provided, but customers can use the 504 King streetcar for travel between St Andrew and King Stations. Customers travelling downtown are encouraged to utilize St George Station if heading to the University line, or Bloor-Yonge Station if heading south of Bloor on the Yonge line. Normal subway service resumes Monday, Dec. 10.

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Russia. Journalist dies in volatile North Caucasus

A journalist with state-controlled television has been killed in Russia's North Caucasus, a region plagued by violence stemming from an Islamist insurgency.

Kazbek Gekkiyev, an anchor with the state-run VGTRK media holding, was gunned down late Wednesday in Nalchik, the capital of the Kabardino-Balkariya province, police said. Police spokesman Vladislav Romanov said Thursday that the killing could be related to Gekkiyev's job.

But VGTRK said his job did not include covering underground Islamic militancy and he only read out news reports. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Russian journalist Kazbek Gekkiyev THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Britain

Woman jailed for having copies of al-Qaida magazine

The sister of two men convicted of plotting to blow up the London Stock Exchange has been jailed for 12 months for possessing copies of the al-Qaida magazine Inspire. Ruksana Begum was arrested in July and pleaded guilty last month to possessing material useful to terrorists.

Prosecutors say two digital editions of Inspire were found in Begum's home. They included instructions on how to use a handgun, how to construct a bomb detonator and how to ignite forest fires. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Germany. Governors plan far-right party ban

Germany's state governors have backed plans to seek a ban on the country's only significant far-right party — pushing the case a step closer to Germany's highest court.

All 16 state governors agreed Thursday to apply to the Federal Constitutional Court for a ban on the National Democratic Party, which they say promotes a racist, anti-constitutional agenda. Their interior ministers recommended the move Wednesday.

A previous ban attempt failed embarrassingly a decade ago when it emerged paid government informants were partially responsible for evidence against the party. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Nobel Prize winner defends Chinese regime, censorship

Still a party man. Chinese writer distances himself from criticism of his government by peers

This year's Nobel Prize in literature winner, Mo Yan, who has been criticized for his membership in China's Communist Party and reluctance to speak out against the country's government, defended censorship Thursday as something as necessary as airport security checks.

Mo has been criticized by human-rights activists for not being a more outspoken defender of freedom of speech and for supporting the Communist Party-backed writers' association, of which he is vice-president.

His comments Thursday, made during a news conference in Stockholm, appear unlikely to soften his critics' views toward him.

Awarding him the literature prize has also brought criticism from previous winners. Herta Mueller, the 2009 literature laureate, called the jury's choice of Mo a "catastrophe" in an interview with the Swedish daily Dagens Nyheter last month. She also accused Mo of protecting the Asian country's censorship laws.

China's rulers forbid opposition parties and maintain strict control over all media.

Mo said he doesn't feel that censorship should stand in the way of truth but that any defamation, or rumours, "should be censored."

"But I also hope that censorship, per se, should have the highest principle," he said in comments translated by an interpreter from Chinese into English.

Mo is spending several days in Stockholm before receiving his prestigious prize in an awards ceremony next Monday. He won the Nobel for his sprawling tales of life in rural China.

In its citation, the Nobel literature jury said Mo "with hallucinatory realism merges folk tales, history and the contemporary." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

2012 Nobel Literature Prize winner Mo Yan of China signs his chair at the Nobel Museum in Stockholm on Thursday. FREDRIK SANDBERG/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

China's reception of two Nobel laureates worlds apart

Mo mum on calls to free Liu

Mo Yan dodged questions about Liu Xiaobo, the jailed Peace Prize winner. Liu was sentenced to 11 years in prison in 2009 for co-authoring a bold call for ending China's single-party rule and enacting democratic reforms.

Earlier this week, an appeal signed by 134 Nobel laureates, from Peace Prize winners such as South African Archbishop Desmond Tutu to Taiwanese-American chemist Yuan T. Lee, called the detention of Liu and his wife a violation of international law and urged their immediate release. But Mo suggested he had no plans of adding his name to that petition.

Although Mo has previously said he hopes Liu will be freed soon, he refused to elaborate more on the case. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

A family photo of Liu Xiaobo with his wife Liu Xia. NG HAN GUAN/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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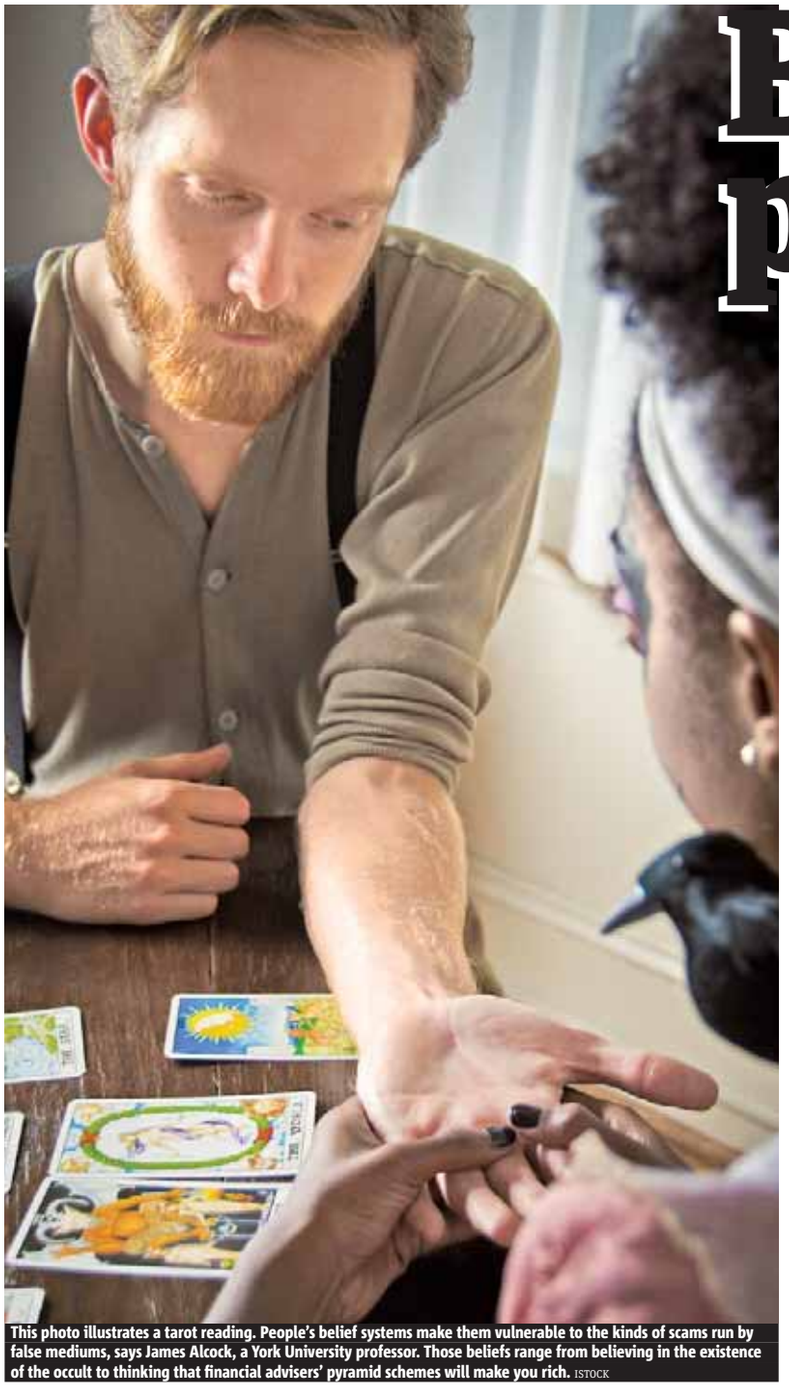

This photo illustrates a tarot reading. People's belief systems make them vulnerable to the kinds of scams run by false mediums, says James Alcock, a York University professor. Those beliefs range from believing in the existence of the occult to thinking that financial advisers' pyramid schemes will make you rich. ISTOCK

Bewitching promises

Psychic claims. Visit to 'Angel of Love' leaves Toronto man broke and heavy-hearted

"Rick" first went to see Angel because he wanted to find his ex-girlfriend.

He was responding to an ad by a psychic who calls himself the "Angel of Love."

He returned to Angel, repeatedly, because he wanted his band's music to be heard around the world.

Today, the ex-girlfriend hasn't returned, the band is still unknown and Rick is $11,000 poorer. He doesn't want his real name used because he's deeply embarrassed. He's an intelligent man who holds a good job with the provincial government.

Police say his case is not unique. Last week, Toronto police laid fraud charges against a man claiming to be a witch doctor. On Wednesday, police again cautioned the public about three women claiming to be psychics who preyed on two Chinese victims.

There is a fine line between psychics who break the law and those who don't.

According to Toronto police spokesman Const. Tony Vella, offering a psychic reading for money is legal. It becomes fraud if the psychic knowingly frightens the client into giving him money. There is a law against pretending to practice witchcraft, but it's legal to believe you are offering a real psychic reading.

Rick says Angel told him an evil spirit was causing his problems. For a fee, he claimed to be able to remove the spirit.

Rick met Angel and his female assistant at their office.

"To start off, it's going to be $900. So I went and I took $900 from … my Visa."

He was told to drink a cup of liquid.

"I started barfing right in a cup. I said it's too much. He said it's just the start."

Rick returned to Angel many times since his first visit last spring. He spent another $3,000, before being told to phone their leader, "Juan," in Miami. That man asked Rick for another $11,000. Juan convinced him the "evil spirit in the netherworld" would obey their commands, for a price.

"I took out $8,000 more. It was the most I could get," he said. "He said okay, enough, we'll work on it for you."

Angel didn't show him the spirit like promised, Rick says.

Toronto's Angel of Love has not been convicted of any crime related to his soothsaying business. JESSICA SMITH/METRO

Guilt and shame

"My money's gone though … They're laughing. Probably got a new car."

Rick, who says he was scammed but is too embarrassed to go the police.

Why we fall for scams

You've been very hurt by someone in your past

We're all susceptible to scams when they play on the belief system we've adopted since childhood, according to a psychology professor at York University.

"Everybody's vulnerable," said James Alcock, who teaches a class on belief systems. "You could take a person who doesn't believe in curses, won't believe in psychics, is very careful about responding to spam emails and yet they could be suckered by some financial adviser."

Belief in psychics, witches, curses and spells is deeply rooted in many cultures and people usually pick up those beliefs as children.

While some psychics truly believe in what they're doing, others scam, picking up on their mark's vulnerabilities, said Alcock. "There's a need the person has, or the psychic creates the need, and then they fill the need," he said.

Many psychics use tricks of the trade to read people and gain their confidence, said Alcock. He gives a "cold reading" to a student in his class every year, even though he's not psychic.

"When you're talking to a psychic, you're giving feedback, even if you're trying not to," he said.

The combination of vague statements and careful observation works. Every so often, a student will come up to him privately after class to ask if he really is psychic, because he appeared to know all about some deeply personal thing that happened to them.

Evidence still sought

Cash for occult proof

A former magician and escape artist is offering $1 million to anyone who can show evidence of any paranormal, supernatural, or occult power or event in a controlled test.

James Randi offered $1,000 to the first person who could offer proof of the paranormal in 1964 and since then, no one has been able to claim the prize. With the aid of donors and his educational foundation, the prize grew to $1 million.

JESSICA SMITH/METRO

In Salem, Mass., metaphysical items such as tarot cards and crystals are counted towards a fortune teller licence. ISTOCK

The ex files: Metro reporter asks 'Angel' to find her guy

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I went to the Angel of Love's office not hoping to find my lost ex-boyfriend, as I told him, but to verify claims the psychic was telling people they were cursed and the way to remove it was to give him money.

I, too, was told that I had been cursed and that it would cost me a lot of money to have my ex-boyfriend back.

We met in the back room of a dingy apartment over a convenience store on Eglinton West. There was no neon sign flashing "psychic," no crystal ball.

Only a pack of tarot cards on the messy desk gave it away as something a little different.

I said I couldn't get in touch with my ex and I was worried about his safety.

Angel spoke in a deep, gravelly foreign language and his assistant translated. After a bit of negotiation, he gave me a "reading" for $40.

"Your luck is not good," said the assistant as Angel read my tarot cards. "On your luck, depends everything. Love and work. Everything. Money, money comes and money goes."

They told me a lot of people are envious of me. I tried to look pleased, to pass off as vain.

"There is a woman, she is the one that has a lot of envy over you," said the assistant. "She is envious of your relationship."

They asked if I've been to a psychic before. I said no, truthfully.

"He can see witchcraft, spells and those things. There is a person who has probably put them to work on you," said the assistant as Angel read my palm.

The witch's curse is blocking my luck, so everything in my life suffers, he said.

The next day I got bad news. My ex-boyfriend is seeing someone.

I exclaimed, "You found him?" but the assistant explained that that's not what they do. They can just "see" he is seeing someone else now.

I tried to look aggrieved.

"We can always bring him back," said the assistant. "To you, for a price."

The assistant explained that there will be three different sessions required and there are different levels of service I can get. The top tier costs $1,500, in three payments of $500.

"They'll bring him back and he'll stay with you forever, he'll love you forever. That's why it's the highest price," he said.

For less money, my ex will return but won't be guaranteed to stay as long — $1,200 for four years, $900 for two.

If I opt for any, they will throw in a cure for the spell that the witch put on me and give me a charm that will keep me safe in the future.

I told them I'd think it over.

Reached by phone Thursday, Angel's assistant said they have never had any complaints about what they do and he doesn't feel they are taking advantage of people.

LISTEN TO A RECORDING OF JESSICA'S SESSION AT METRONEWS.CA

Salem's ordinance

If you can't beat them, license 'em?

Psychics seem to be drawn to Salem, Mass., and its rich history of witchcraft. To keep a handle on things the local government licenses fortune tellers.

The city offers four different kinds of licences, with different rules, said clerk Melissa Pagliaro.

"For a store licence, (it) has to consist of at least 75 per cent ... 'metaphysical' items," she said. "Each store can have up to five readers. They are all subject to an application and a (criminal history) check."

Such items include crystals, anointing oils, amulets, incense, candles, tarot cards, ritual attire, and books related to spiritual study or practice.

IN DEFENCE OF PSYCHICS

CLARE HINES
FOR METRO

For Clare Hines, who has visited psychics for years, it's not about getting back a boyfriend or winning the lottery. It's about keeping in tune with the universe

My great Aunt Nell sometimes said things about which she couldn't — shouldn't — know anything. Details weren't always accurate, but context and implications were.

Aunt Nell would say maybe it was a "gift" or being "sensitive" or having "psychic" powers. She claimed to know no more than anyone else, but that sometimes facts or knowledge revealed themselves to her.

When I was young, Aunt Nell used an ordinary deck of cards for my "readings." It was fun. In my teenage years and later there were no props or formal readings. We just sat and talked. I could tell when she tapped into me. She never spared me the negative — although she once didn't tell a friend he was really ill. And he was. Knowledge could be burdensome.

Aunt Nell said true psychics didn't advertise. One discovered them. Since her passing, I have visited two psychics. They were not easy to find. It's my experience psychics look like manicurists, administrative assistants and suburban mothers. They use props to aid with concentration. No one ever told me I'd receive a letter soon, take a trip or fall in love. I was told someone always lies to me, bodies of water calm me and I'm my own worst enemy. Indeed.

Sorry, Miss Cleo

Aunt Nell said true psychics didn't advertise. One discovered them.

After visiting a psychic, I'm more in tune with the universe. Implicitly I'm reminded much in life is random, the unpredictable is often more influential than the predictable, that I am not powerless but will never have complete control of anything. However humbling, such wisdom is therapeutic.

My general practitioner once sent me to a psychiatrist to discuss bad dreams and sleeplessness that were affecting my health. Treatment was very helpful. During one session, the psychiatrist asked if I visited psychics: "I suspect they will prove helpful to you." Indeed.

Recent fraud cases

Between 1999 and 2010, five people were charged with pretending to practice witchcraft in Ontario. Toronto police announced two more cases in the last couple of weeks.

- Police said Wednesday they are searching for three female suspects who allegedly conned two women, aged 76 and 53, out of their valuables by offering to "bless" them.
- On Nov. 27, police arrested Gustavo Valencia Gomes of Mississauga and charged him with pretending to practise witchcraft and fraud. Maria Roesta, 56, of Brampton, said she went into credit card debt to pay a self-described "healer," who convinced her that her headaches were the result of a curse and extravagant rituals were needed to lift it.

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Death row. Inmate seeks parole in innocence claim unrelated to weight

Death row inmate Ronald Post, age 53. UNDATED FILE PHOTO

A condemned obese killer in Ohio should be spared because of lingering doubts about his "legal and moral guilt" and the conduct of defence and prosecution lawyers at trial, his attorneys told the state Parole Board on Thursday in a bid for clemency focusing on his innocence, not his weight.

Death row inmate Ronald Post is fighting his January execution on the grounds that he is so fat he can't be humanely executed and will suffer cruel and unusual punishment as the state struggles to find his veins or give him enough drugs to put someone his size to death.

That argument is in the federal courts, while the 450-pound (204-kilogram) Post pursues an innocence claim unrelated to his weight before the parole board. The panel considers requests for mercy before making a recommendation to Gov. John Kasich, who has the final say.

Attorneys for Post made presentations to the parole board Thursday followed by prosecutors and the attorney general's office.

Post, 53, was sentenced to die for the 1983 shooting of Elyria motel clerk Helen Vantz during a robbery. Vantz' sons, William and Michael, both attended Thursday's hearing.

At a break, both said they believe firmly in Post's guilt. William Vantz also had harsh words for Post's obesity claim.

"It's just another way for a coward to try and get out of what debt he owes to society," Vantz said.

The long-held presumption that Post confessed to the murder to several people has been falsely exaggerated, Post's attorneys argue. Post admitted involvement in the crime as the getaway driver to a police informant but did not admit to the killing.

Doubt about Post's guilt lingers because of the involvement of two other men in the shooting, Post's attorneys say. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Justice. Fleury calls on government to beef up sentences for abusers

Repercussions

"I'm tired of people being re-victimized through the system and it absolutely has to stop."

Former NHL forward Theo Fleury

Former NHL star Theo Fleury is taking aim at Canada's justice system, saying the country's weak penalties for sexual abuse make it a "Disneyland for pedophiles."

The Stanley Cup and Olympic gold medal-winning forward — a longtime advocate for victims of sexual abuse — has launched a new campaign demanding Ottawa beef up sentences for those convicted of abusing children.

Fleury was sexually abused by the disgraced hockey coach Graham James while playing for him in the 1980s. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Polytechnique

Quebec ready for gun registry

The Quebec government marked the anniversary of Canada's worst mass shooting by reiterating its intention to create its own gun registry.

Public Security Minister Stephane Bergeron said it will happen once Ottawa supplies data from the now-defunct long-gun registry. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Health and privacy

Nosy health-care worker sacked

A British Columbia health-care worker has been fired after admitting to sneaking a peek at the personal health files of five Vancouver media personalities.

Authorities says the privacy breach was discovered during a routine audit in November. THE CANADIAN PRESS

A crowd gathers to protest violence against women at the Montreal courthouse on the 23rd anniversary of the Polytechnique massacre Thursday. PAUL CHIASSON/THE CANADIAN PRESS

PM shoots down gun group's push

Public safety. Harper dismisses proposals for easier access to banned weapons on anniversary of Montreal Massacre

Rejection

"Prohibited weapons exist as a category under the law for essential reasons of public security. The government has absolutely no intention of weakening that category of protections."

Prime Minister Stephen Harper, responding to a push to re-classify handguns and assault rifles

Prime Minister Stephen Harper has issued an unexpected rebuke to his government's own firearms advisory committee, rejecting its recommendations and suggesting the group's membership may need revisiting.

Documents obtained by the Coalition for Gun Control reveal the committee advising Public Safety Minister Vic Toews wants some prohibited weapons, including hand guns and assault rifles, re-classified to make them more easily available.

The 14-member group is also pushing to make firearm licences good for at least 10 years, rather than the current five — a measure opposed by police, who say the five-year renewals are a chance to weed out unstable gun owners.

Coming on the anniversary of Montreal's École Polytechnique massacre — in which 14 young women died at the hands of a deranged gunman — the documents provided opposition MPs with new ammunition to fire at a government that earlier this year repealed and destroyed the federal long-gun registry.

But even as gun enthusiasts cheered the proposed reforms Thursday on online message boards, Harper was pouring cold water on the committee in the House of Commons. THE CANADIAN PRESS

House Leader Peter Van Loan. ADRIAN WYLD/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Van Loan says sorry for potty mouth

Government House Leader Peter Van Loan is apologizing for some off-colour language he used during a verbal dust-up with his NDP counterpart.

Van Loan acknowledges he used an inappropriate word during the confrontation with Nathan Cullen of the NDP on Wednesday.

Microphones were shut off during the incident, but video tape shows Van Loan waving his finger at Cullen and speaking in a heated manner.

NDP Leader Tom Mulcair, Cullen's seat mate, stands up, whereupon a number of New Democrats surround Van Loan and appear to urge him to leave.

Finally, Defence Minister Peter MacKay rushes over, puts his hand on Van Loan's shoulder and ushers him back across the centre aisle of the Commons to the government benches.

The argument came after an NDP attempt to have a vote on the government's omnibus budget bill ruled invalid because Finance Minister Jim Flaherty had been absent, even though he was named as the mover of the motion to pass the bill. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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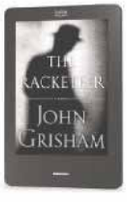

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Amy Andrews, right, kisses her partner, Jeri Andrews, as they wait to be among the first to be issued a marriage licence to a same-sex couple Wednesday in Seattle. Amy wore the same veil during a symbolic, though not legal, marriage ceremony the couple had in 2011. ELAINE THOMPSON/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Hundreds line up for same-sex marriage licences

Law takes effect.
Washington state joins several other states that allow gay and lesbian couples to wed

Two by two, dozens of same-sex couples obtained their marriage licences in Washington state early Thursday, just hours after Gov. Chris Gregoire signed a voter-approved law legalizing gay marriage.

King County, the state's biggest county, opened the doors to its auditor's office in Seattle just after midnight to start distributing marriage licences. But hundreds of people had lined up hours earlier, snaking around the downtown Seattle building on a chilly December night. By 6 a.m., 279 licences had been issued. Because Washington state has a three-day waiting period, the earliest that weddings can take place is Sunday.

Last month, Washington, Maine and Maryland became the first states to pass same-sex marriage by popular vote.

The law doesn't require religious organizations or churches to perform marriages, and it doesn't subject churches to penalties if they don't marry gay or lesbian couples.

In Seattle, the mood was festive. Volunteers distributed roses, coffee and fruit. Couples canoodled to keep warm. Champagne was poured. Different groups of men and women serenaded the waiting line.

About time

"People who have been waiting all these years to have their rights recognized should not have to wait one minute longer."

Dow Constantine, King County executive when asked whether the midnight marriage-licence roll-out was necessary.

"We waited a long time. We've been together 35 years, never thinking we'd get a legal marriage. Now I feel so joyous I can't hardly stand it," said 85-year-old Pete-e Petersen, who with her partner, 77-year-old Jane Abbott Lighty, were the first to get a licence. They met 35 years ago on a blind date. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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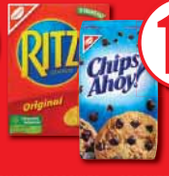

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A Free Syrian Army fighter breaks a hole in the wall of a resident's home on Wednesday during heavy clashes with government forces in Aleppo. NARCISO CONTRERAS/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Assad's back against the wall as rebels close in

Syrian crisis. President may have no choice but to fight to the death, diplomat says

The battle for Damascus looms closer. As Syrian rebels encircle President Bashar al Assad's stronghold, he will be aware of the fate met by fellow leaders who misruled their people and faced their wrath.

Libya's Moammar Gadhafi dragged out of a drainpipe, sodomized and shot. Hosni Mubarak of Egypt jailed for life.

The opposition under the loose umbrella of the Free Syrian Army is battling Assad's forces in the south and eastern suburbs, and on the road to the airport as his warplanes hit back. As the noose tightens around Damascus, the seat of family rule since Assad's late father, Hafez, seized power 42 years ago, the president faces tough choices about what to do next. Fight or flee?

An important calculation in his decision is the fate of his Alawite community, a minority who practise an offshoot of Shiite Islam and have been instrumental in suppressing the uprising.

They make up 12 per cent of the population but are the backbone of the regime — 80 per cent of the army's officer class are Alawites.

Assad will fight to the death because the rebels, many of whom are Sunni, would show no mercy, said Nikolaos van Dam, a veteran diplomat with 35 years of experience in Syria.

"This is a battle for death or life," he said. "The regime knows if they are toppled they will simply be killed. It could be a long battle in Damascus."

Violence is spiralling out of control. On Wednesday, 140 people died, the U.K.-based Syrian Observatory for Human Rights reported. The government controls only half of Aleppo and several military bases have been overrun by opposition fighters, according to reports by Syrian-based activists.

Speculation is intensifying about how long the regime can hold on. On Monday, Nabil al Araby, head of the Arab League, told Agence France-Presse that the government could fall at "any time."

An internal coup by officers against Assad is not an option because the new leaders would be overthrown by rebels determined to end the Alawite control of state institutions, van Dam said.

Exile in Russia, which has backed him, or to another country, with his wife, Asma, and their three children, is no guarantee he would not be extradited for war crimes in the future, van Dam said.

Assad fleeing the country to save himself would leave Alawite soldiers and civilians at the mercy of rebels, said Joshua Landis, director of Middle East Studies at Oklahoma University who blogs at Syria Comment.

"The Alawites are counting on Assad to protect his people from possible retribution," he said. "He's kept them hostage, in a sense, and now he can't abandon him."

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Global perspective

Worries over chemical weapons

Foreign Affairs Minister John Baird is urging China and Russia to lean on the regime of Syrian President Bashar al Assad as reports emerge he could unleash chemical weapons on his people.

The UN Security Council has been powerless to censure Syria because of the objections of veto-wielding Russia and China.

"We have called on countries like Russia and China to use whatever leverage they have to prevent this serious crisis from entering a new, disastrous phase," Baird told the House of Commons on Thursday.

Meanwhile, NATO is following through on its plan to place Patriot missiles and troops along Syria's border with Turkey to guard against potential attacks.

The Assad regime denounces this move as psychological warfare and says it won't stop it from defeating the rebel forces it says are terrorists.

Western countries are wary about arming rebels because of fears of extremists in their ranks.

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Saskatchewan man's mo' raises nearly $100K

Movember.
Fundraising participant contributes to Canada's continued reputation for having the most mo' donations

ALYSSA MCDONALD
Metro in Regina

A Saskatchewan man has grown the most charitable Movember moustache in the world.

Reed Ludwig was able to raise $96,346 in his Movember fundraiser, putting him on top of the international leaderboard.

"It's quite overwhelming actually. I still don't know how to describe it. The support has been unbelievable," said Ludwig at the Saskatchewan legislature Thursday.

Ludwig's efforts were commended by Saskatchewan Premier Brad Wall in session Thursday.

Reed Ludwig, who raised the most mo' money internationally, has kept his 'stache for now. He plans to get rid of it within the week and says his wife is "looking forward to it being shaved." ALYSSA MCDONALD/METRO IN REGINA

"We are really proud that the worldwide Movember leader is from right here in Saskatchewan," said Premier Wall, whose own Movember campaign raised $15,971.

Ludwig said part of his motivation to raise money in support of prostate cancer awareness is because he had a grandfather that dealt with it briefly.

He had never participated in Movember before, nor grown a moustache.

"I just said, 'Why not? Lets see what we can do,'" Ludwig told reporters.

He says the feat was a team effort, as the company he works for, MEG Energy, matched donations made by other employees. Ludwig was chosen in October to represent the company as a whole for Movember after he competed in a 10-day moustache-growing competition. The original goal was to raise $50,000 on site, but Ludwig said it grew to be a lot bigger than that.

According to the Movember website, Canada as a whole raised more money than any other country for the second year in a row. The Movember culture continues to grow as more people like Ludwig join in every year.

"Most definitely, I would do it again, yes," Ludwig said.

In sickness and in health

Britain's Prince William stands next to his wife, Kate, Duchess of Cambridge as she leaves the King Edward VII hospital in central London, Thursday. The couple are expecting their first child, and the Duchess of Cambridge was admitted to hospital suffering from a severe form of morning sickness. ANDREW MATTHEWS, PA/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Tweet tragedy

Twitter cutting characters

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Software mogul

McAfee denied political asylum

Software company founder John McAfee was denied political asylum in Guatemala on Thursday and police in Belize said they expected him to be flown back soon for questioning about the killing of a fellow American expatriate.

Guatemalan authorities said McAfee's request for asylum had been denied. McAfee issued a plea on his blog for the public to petition Guatemalan President Otto Perez Molina to let him stay. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Once proud seafood restaurant now the rusting hulk of Toronto Harbour

Moored since 1975. He owes back taxes, everybody wants him out, and there are no other spots for his vessel in the harbour

Captain John Letnik aboard his now closed floating restaurant at the foot of Yonge Street. It's been moored there since 1975. RANDY RISLING/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Almost six months after the city shut down Captain John's Restaurant, its 74-year-old owner is living on board in squalor and vowing to go down with his rusting ship.

John Letnik has been slowly dismantling anything of value from his beloved Jadran and still spends some nights sleeping on the carpet in his Captain's Quarters.

He had movers put the bed and other valuables in storage back in July, the day before Waterfront Toronto officials ordered Captain John's signs and the gangplank to the restaurant removed to make way for a planned park.

"I was afraid I wasn't going to be able to get everything out of here otherwise. What was I going to do, lower things down from the ship by rope?"

Instead, it's been six months of silence, says Letnik, since the city shut off water to the ship June 26 and health officials ordered the restaurant shut down.

The gangplank remains. And Letnik, who underwent hip replacement surgery last March, carts in water when he's not staying with family or friends.

Captain John still clings to the remote hope that if he can get a 10-year lease on a new waterfront slip, he can find a buyer for the 300-foot vessel, pay off $568,000 in back taxes and "leave with dignity." TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Persona non grata

Letnik says he's become so frustrated that no one from the Toronto Port Authority, Waterfront Toronto or the city will return his calls. He recently asked longtime friend and former councillor Chris Korwin-Kuczynski to intervene.

- During a half-hour meeting in Mayor Ford's office Nov. 30, Korwin-Kuczynski says he appealed to the handful of city and waterfront officials present for solutions.
- "They basically told me there were no other spots for the ship in the harbour and he should walk away with honour," Korwin-Kuczynski said.
- Meanwhile, the city could face a long battle to seize the ship under maritime law.

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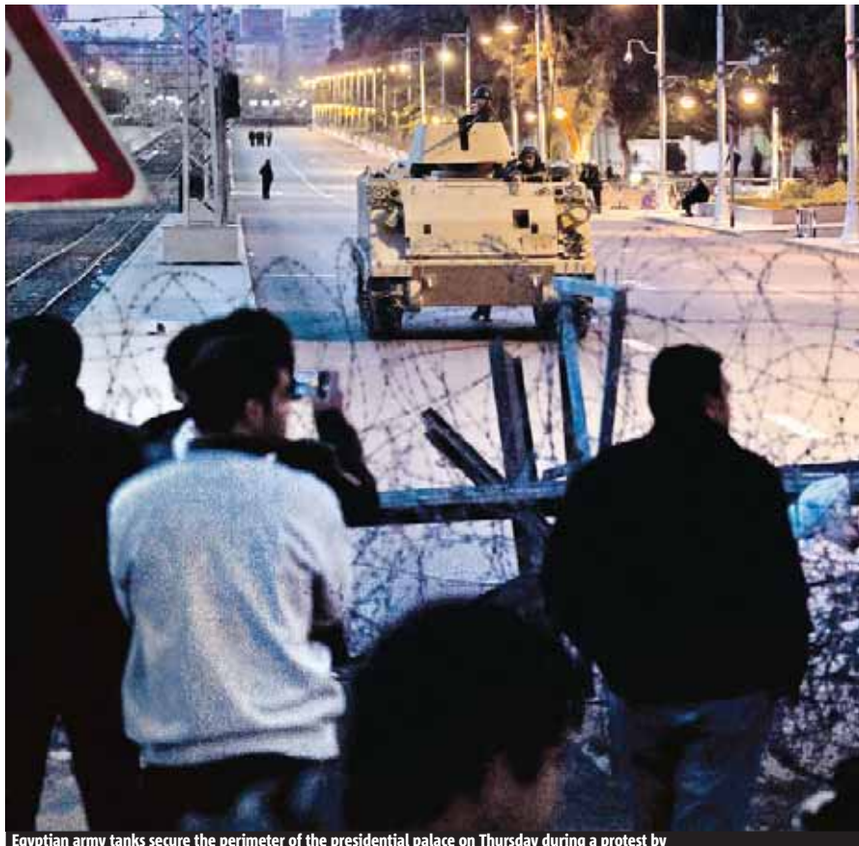


Egyptian army tanks secure the perimeter of the presidential palace on Thursday during a protest by opponents of President Mohammed Morsi in Cairo. NASSER NASSER/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Egyptian army moves to restore order after crisis

At least six dead. Protesters demand president rescind decrees giving him near-absolute power

The Egyptian army sealed off the presidential palace with tanks and barbed wire on Thursday, a day after fierce clashes between supporters and opponents of the Islamist leader over a disputed constitution killed at least six people.

Compounding President Mohammed Morsi's woes, another member of his 17-person advisory panel resigned in protest of his handling of the crisis, bringing the total to seven in the past two weeks. Rafik Habib, the only Coptic Christian adviser, was the latest to resign.

Protesters defied a deadline to vacate the area, demanding that Morsi rescind his Nov. 22 decrees giving himself near-absolute power and withdraw the disputed draft constitution passed by his Islamist allies, which is headed for a Dec. 15 referendum. But the situation was calm throughout the day.

Egyptian President Mohammed Morsi delivers a televised statement in Cairo on Thursday. NILE TV/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Thousands of Morsi supporters camped overnight outside the palace after driving away opposition activists who had been staging a sit-in there, prompting the wild street battles that spread to upscale residential areas nearby. The Muslim Brotherhood, which had erected metal barricades and manned checkpoints with rocks and empty glass bottles overnight, withdrew from the area by the afternoon.

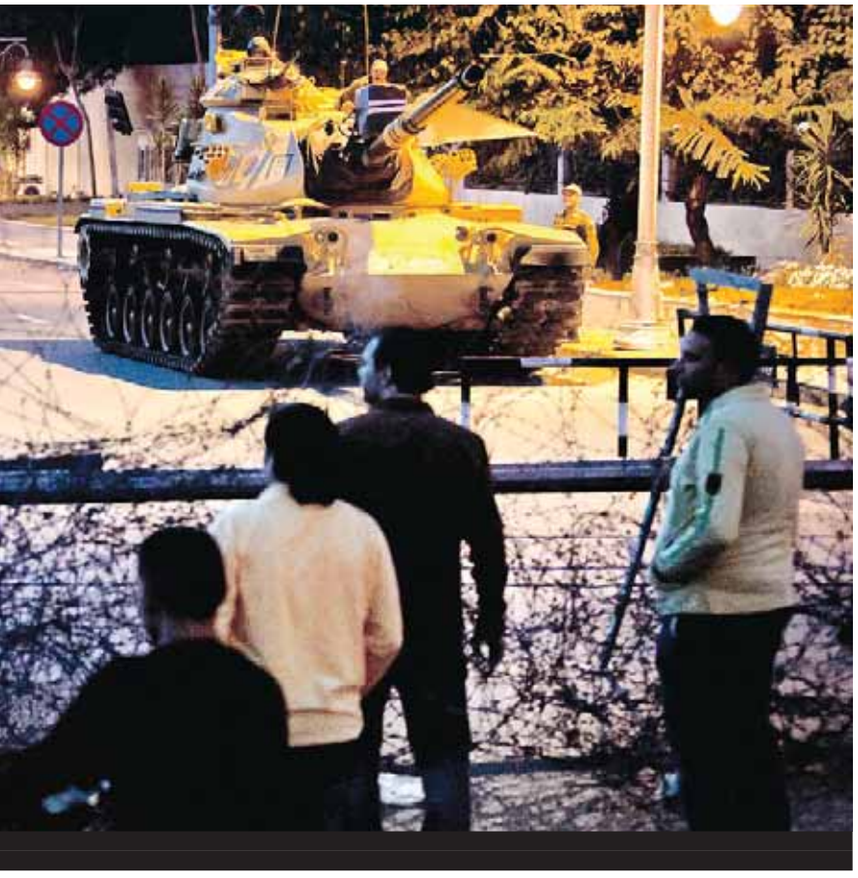
"I don't want Morsi to back down," said Khaled Omar, a Brotherhood supporter who had camped out. "We are not defending him. We are defending Islam, which is what people want."

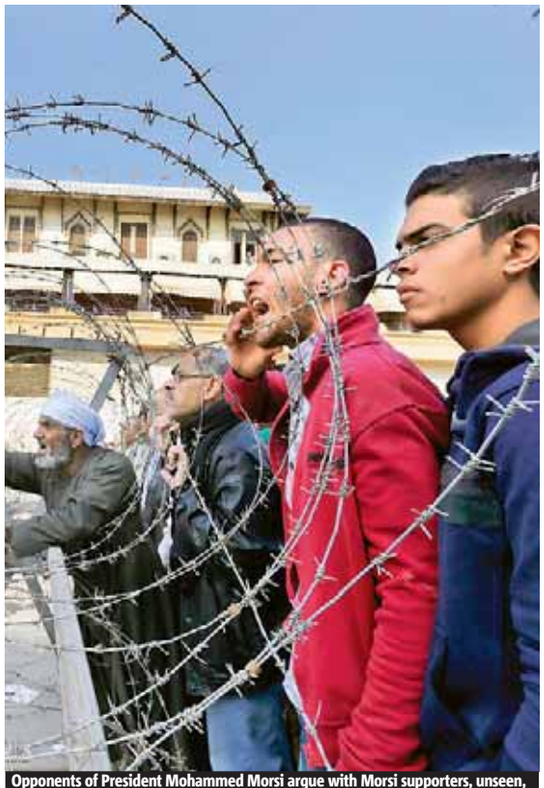
The violence on Wednesday was the worst since Morsi was elected in June.

The intensity of the overnight violence, with Morsi's Islamist backers and largely secular protesters lobbing firebombs and rocks at each other, raised the spectre that the country would grow even more polarized and violent.

Mohamed ElBaradei, an opposition leader, said late Wednesday that Morsi's rule was "no different" from Mubarak's.

"In fact, it is perhaps even worse," the Nobel Peace Prize laureate told a news conference after he accused the president's supporters of a "vicious and deliberate" attack on peaceful demonstrators outside the palace. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS





Opponents of President Mohammed Morsi argue with Morsi supporters, unseen, on Thursday in Cairo as the Egyptian army deployed near the presidential palace to secure the site of overnight clashes. HASSAN AMMAR/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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"We raise Egypt's flag but they raise the Brotherhood flag. This is the difference."

Protester Magdi Farag, holding the tri-coloured national flag stained with blood from his friend's injury in clashes the night before

The crisis

The crisis began with Morsi's decrees setting himself above judicial oversight.

- That was followed by the hurried passing of a constitution draft by his Islamist allies, moves that deeply polarized the country and took political tensions to a height not seen since the uprising nearly two years ago that ousted authoritarian leader Hosni Mubarak.
- Morsi remains determined to press forward with the Dec. 15 referendum to pass the new charter. The opposition, for its part, is refusing dialogue unless Morsi rescinds the decrees and shelves the disputed charter.
- The renewed violence sent Egypt's main stock-market index down 4.6 per cent. The loss was about 10.4 billion Egyptian pounds (about $1.7 billion US).
- Persistent capital outflows since last year's uprising have forced the central bank to burn through its foreign-currency reserves to support the Egyptian pound. The Central Bank of Egypt released figures on Thursday that show foreign reserves at the end of November stood at just $15 billion US, nearly half of what they were 19 months ago.

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Population surge

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The fastest growing nation in the G8 is now 35 million strong.

Statistics Canada's population clock has ticked past the 35 million mark, a number that has less to do with "natural" causes and more to do with immigration.

Canada receives, on average, 7.5 immigrants per thousand people.

"This immigration rate is one of the highest in industrialized countries," said Laurent Martel, of the demography division of Statistics Canada. "It's twice what the U.S. receives every year."

Martel said that while Canada was recently named the fastest growing nation in the G8, the growth rate would be in decline without the roughly 249,000 immigrants Canada receives each year.

"Natural increase just explains a third," Martel said, pointing to Canada's children per woman rate of 1.63, based on a 2010 report. Globally, the population has surpassed the 7-billion mark and a recent report by the UN suggested that we prepare for the silver-hair tsunami — a global population that is expected to live longer. It came with a warning that an older population could either be a burden or blessing, depending on whether or not countries prepare for it.

Martel estimated Canada will break the 40 million mark by 2026, and 50 million by 2054. TORSTAR

By the numbers

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The Canadian population is expected to reach 50 million by 2054

Firestarters!

Yuletide fame.

Winnipeg Biz's contest winner gets the chance to be the official stoker for the MTS TV fireplace

Downtown Winnipeg BIZ is giving Winnipeggers a shot at Yuletide fame with their latest contest, which sees the winner stoking the flames during next year's holiday season.

Signy Gerrard, marketing and communications manager for Downtown BIZ, said her organization has teamed up with MTS to give one lucky person the chance to tend the famous Yule log.

"The contest is the chance to 'Be the Hand,' be the official fireplace stoker for the Yule log for the MTS TV fireplace," said Gerrard, adding the contest will be officially launched on Monday.

"We approached (MTS) with our quirky idea and said 'what do you guys think?' and they loved it, it's so exciting and they're great downtown citizens."

"It's just one of those beloved traditions, just as much as holiday décor and everything else, it just says Christmas to people in Winnipeg," added Gerrard.

Kristen Lourie, marketing and design co-ordinator for Downtown BIZ, said she grew up watching the log during the holidays and laments that as a BIZ employee she can't enter the contest. "It's my dream to have my arm in that video," said Lourie with a laugh.

"It's a part of Canada in the winter and I think it'd be really fun to do like a super bejeweled arm, maybe some sequins, some tassels, that sort of thing."

Each contestant has up to 10 chances to win; all they have to do is find the five fireplaces set up in downtown storefronts, find the codeword and enter it online at downtownpeggy.com. BERNICE PONTANILLA/METRO WINNIPEG

Kristen Lourie, left, and Rose Dominguez of Downtown Winnipeg BIZ said their new contest is sure to garner plenty of helping hands.

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Going Dutch

Cyclists pass a snow-covered bench in Amsterdam on Thursday. Despite dropping temperatures and slippery roads, the Dutch still ride around on their favorite means of transport.

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Stratford. Festival gets app

Theatre lovers who can't get to the renowned Stratford Festival in southwestern Ontario can still get an insider's experience through its new app.

The Stratford Behind the Scenes app promises to offer never-before-seen photos and video showing festival productions from concept through creation to performance.

Featured are performers, coaches, directors and artisans in various settings that are generally closed to public view.

The fest says the footage will show productions through the festival's entire season and reveal the secrets of theatrical production, including set building and wig making. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Superbug. Outbreak fear

Outbreaks in two Toronto-area hospitals of a dangerous new form of superbug have infection control experts contemplating a worrisome future.

Both outbreaks are now over. Details of the chains of spread and how the hospitals managed to stop them are outlined in two studies just published in medical journals.

But they represent the first reports of hospital outbreaks of bacteria containing the so-called NDM-1 enzyme in Canada. In each case, at least one of the people who carried the bacteria into the hospital seemed to have acquired it in Canada. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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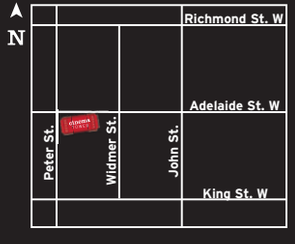

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Florida plans to fight mosquitoes with mosquitoes

Dengue fever.
Public-health experiment would see genetically modified males released in hopes they pass birth defect to offspring

In this October photo taken in Key Largo, a dead Aedes aegypti mosquito is held. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Mosquito-control officials in the Florida Keys are waiting for the federal government to sign off on an experiment that would release hundreds of thousands of genetically modified mosquitoes to reduce the risk of dengue fever in the tourist town of Key West.

If approved by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration, it would be the first such experiment in the States. Some Key West residents worry that not enough research has been done to determine the risks that releasing genetically modified mosquitoes might pose to the Keys' fragile ecosystem.

Officials are targeting the Aedes aegypti mosquitoes because they can spread dengue fever, a disease health officials thought had been eradicated in the U.S. until 93 cases originated in the Keys in 2009 and 2010.

The trial planned by mosquito-control officials and the British company Oxitec would release non-biting male mosquitoes that have been genetically modified to pass along a birth defect that kill their progeny before reaching maturity.

The idea is that they will mate with wild females and their children will die before reproducing.

After a few generations, Key West's Aedes aegypti population would die off, reducing the dengue-fever risk without using pesticides and at relatively a low cost, the proponents say.

There is no vaccine for dengue fever.

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Strong enough for Detroit firefighters

A driver unloads 70,000 rolls of toilet paper that was delivered from Charmin on Thursday to the Detroit Public Safety Foundation for the entire Detroit Fire Department. The delivery of industrial-sized pallets of Charmin Ultra Strong follows reports that firefighters were saving their own money to buy toilet paper and paper towels at firehouses. A change in purchasing caused a dip in station stockpiles. DETROIT FREE PRESS/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Non-jolly mall Santa canned

A mall in Maine has sacked Santa Claus after children and parents complained he was rude, grumpy and wouldn't even let one child sit on his lap.

Officials at the Maine Mall in South Portland say they're looking for a jollier Santa.

Jessica Mailhiot and her six-year-old daughter, Chantel, went to see Santa this week. They said he was rude and wouldn't let the girl sit on his lap when they said they didn't want to buy a $20 photo.

When Chantel's mom posted her story online, others shared similar experiences. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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BMO survey

More Canadians have RRSPs than this time last year

An increasing number of Canadians surveyed in a BMO study have invested in a registered retirement savings plan this year. The BMO Financial Group poll found 67 per cent of respondents have an RRSP, compared to 61 per cent at this time last year. Nearly three-quarters of respondents plan to contribute the same amount or more to their RRSP than they did last year.

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Market Minute

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Q4 earnings reports

Strong results, future concerns for banks

Shares in TD Bank, CIBC and National Bank of Canada all fell Thursday as worries about the outlook for consumer loans amid record household debt overshadowed earnings reports that met or exceeded expectations.

Despite solid fourth-quarter financial results, National Bank fell 1.4 per to $76.60, CIBC gave back 0.47 per cent to $80.14 and TD was off 1.8 per cent, closing at $81.12.

The performance "reflects what investors see as a challenging environment for the banks," said CIBC World Markets analyst Rob Sedran, who forecast a 2013 growth pullback in the sector to between five per cent and six per cent.

He said the banks are bracing for a decline in consumer loans growth, especially in the cooling housing market, as governments tighten mortgage rules and leveraged consumers become more cautious about borrowing.

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Canada Post flunks information-request report card — again

Ottawa. Information commissioner finds postal service is still far from achieving transparency

Canada Post vehicles sit outside a sorting depot in the Ville St-Laurent borough of Montreal in this file photo. Information Commisioner Suzanne Legault has found the postal service has made only a bit of improvement over the past two years in how it processes information requests. THE CANADIAN PRESS FILE

The information watchdog says Canada Post has delivered only marginal improvement on its handling of access-to-information requests.

The post office received an F on its latest report card from Information Commissioner Suzanne Legault after being stamped with red-alert status for its poor performance two years ago.

As reported Wednesday, the CBC got an A for its processing of requests in 2011-12, up from an F for its performance two years ago.

The access law allows people who pay $5 to seek federal files ranging from expense reports and email messages to briefing notes and internal audits.

As an ombudsman for users of the law, Legault has periodically looked at whether key institutions meet their legal obligations of transparency.

In her report card on Canada Post, Legault said although the Crown corporation has taken some steps toward improving its performance, it is still far from achieving optimal compliance with the law.

In a statement Thursday, Canada Post said it was disappointed with the F rating, as it had taken steps to improve performance. It committed to doing even better.

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Bank of Canada. Low interest rates putting stress on world economy, central bank says

The Bank of Canada is warning that its own low-interest policies and those of central banks around the world are adding another layer of risk to the already stressed global financial system and economy.

The central bank says near-record-level interest rates in place since the 2008-09 recession are taking their toll on insurance companies, pension funds and even increasing the appetite of investors to take risks in search of higher returns.

In Canada, they have been a prime mover to the other major domestic risk — an overheated housing market and high levels of consumer debt as Canadians take advantage of cheap money to buy real estate.

Bank governor Mark Carney has warned about the dangers of low interest rates sporadically in the past, but this time the bank's governing council has thought the concern grave enough to add it to the list of risks facing Canada and the world. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Apple. Line of Macs will be produced in U.S., CEO says

Apple CEO Tim Cook says the company will produce one of its existing lines of Mac computers in the U.S. next year.

Cook made the comments in part of an interview aired Thursday morning on Today and posted on the network's website. In a separate interview with Bloomberg Businessweek, he said that the company will spend $100 million US in 2013 to move production of the line to the U.S. from China.

"This doesn't mean that Apple will do it ourselves, but we'll be working with people and we'll be investing our money," Cook told Bloomberg. He didn't say which line of computers would be produced in the U.S. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Private space travel. Got $1.5B for a trip to the moon?

A team of former NASA executives is launching a private venture to send people to the moon for a price that is definitely out of this world.

For $1.5 billion US, the newly formed business is offering countries a two-person trip to the moon, either for research or national prestige.

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By the numbers

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NASA's last trip to the moon was 40 years ago. The U.S. was the only country that landed people there, beating the Soviet Union in a race that transfixed the world. But once the race ended, there has been only sporadic interest in the moon.

Bombardier. Delta places $3.3B order for regional jets

Bombardier has beaten out Brazilian rival Embraer in securing an order for up to 70 CRJ900 NextGen regional jets from Delta Air Lines valued at up to $3.29 billion US, while also announcing a smaller deal with an unnamed customer in China.

The Montreal-based aircraft manufacturer said Delta has placed a firm order for 40 aircraft, valued at $1.85 billion US based on current list prices. The airline also has options for 30 more planes to be operated by Delta's regional carriers.

The planes will be configured with 76 seats in a two-class cabin, with deliveries starting the end of next year.

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Rona looks to boost long-term profits

A Rona store is shown in Toronto in this July file photo. Canada's largest home-improvement retailer says it's preparing to sell non-core assets and make other strategic moves to improve its profitability. THE CANADIAN PRESS FILE

Home improvement. Troubled company has been under pressure to improve bottom line

Rona is hoping to convince investors of the long-term potential of Canada's largest home-improvement chain by making strategic moves, including the sale of non-core assets, to improve profitability after years of focusing on top-line growth.

"This is really managing the business long-term and creating value long-term," acting CEO Dominique Boies said in an interview Thursday after Rona disclosed the Quebec-based company's strategic plan.

Rona Inc. said it will take until Feb. 21 to evaluate what changes need to be made to unlock the "profit potential of a simplified business model."

The troubled company has been under pressure to improve its bottom line, especially since it rejected a lucrative takeover bid by U.S. rival Lowe's.

Earlier, Boies told a news conference that Rona had in fact offered to buy Lowe's Canada in 2011 to reduce overcapacity in the market.

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"If someone wants cash-out tomorrow morning, (the plan) might not please them. But we're not managing the business for the next quarter, we're managing the business for the long run — so that's why those strategic priorities are there." Rona CEO Dominique Boies

Supermarkets. Loblaw to spin off real estate, plans public offering mid-2013

Loblaw Companies Ltd. is creating a real-estate investment trust that will be one of the country's largest commercial landlords, an announcement that sent its shares soaring Thursday.

The REIT, which would operate as a subsidiary of Loblaw, would see Canada's biggest supermarket operator contribute real-estate assets with a current market value of more than $7 billion to the venture.

Units of the REIT would then be sold in an initial public offering expected to be completed in mid-2013, subject to regulatory approvals.

"However, it is our intention to retain a significant majority interest in the REIT — over 80 per cent," Loblaw chief financial officer Sarah Davis told a conference call with analysts.

"While we expect to generate funds from the IPO, it is anticipated that the long-term source of capital and the structural advantage of the REIT are the real benefits," Davis added.

Details on pricing and the number of units to be offered in the IPO were not disclosed. Those details typically are determined after a preliminary prospectus is issued and underwriters gauge investor interest.

Loblaw executive chairman Galen G. Weston called Thursday's announcement an exciting development for Loblaw.

"The creation of the REIT is expected to build long-term value both for Loblaw and the REIT," Weston said in the statement.

"This strategic initiative positions Loblaw's core businesses well for the future. We expect the REIT to not only unlock value for our shareholders, but also increase our financial capacity to pay down debt, buy back shares and create a long-term source of capital to invest and grow."

Loblaw isn't the first such chain to make the move. Empire Co. Ltd., operator of the Sobey's supermarket chain, spun off a number of properties into Crombie Real Estate Investment Trust in 2006.

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The new REIT, or real-estate investment trust, would see Canada's biggest supermarket operator contribute real-estate assets with a current market value of more than $7 billion to the venture.

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TGIF, when you can read the Metro List and relive the parade of wonders that marks yet another zany week in this crazy world we live in.

1 **We are amused.** The next generation of British royals is gestating, and poor Kate ends up in the hospital, suffering from a right royal bout of morning sickness. After enduring a round-the-clock siege from publicity hounds and pranksters, she emerges looking remarkably well, considering, proving once again that there will always be an England. There might even be twins.

2 **Nothing amusing here.** The Harper government House leader nearly comes to blows with his NDP counterpart after crossing the floor in a pugnacious manner to deliver a speech composed primarily of the F word. Who elected these clowns? Oh, right.

3 **Attack of the killer PM.** Why can't we elect somebody cool like Australian Prime Minister Julia Gillard, who takes time out of her busy schedule to reassure her people that even though the world will end on Dec. 21 (as allegedly predicted by the Mayan calendar), she will continue to stand by them to the bitter end, which will be caused by: "flesh eating zombies, demonic hell beasts or from the total triumph of K-Pop." I think she's kidding, but the Tasmanian devil certainly fits the description of a demonic hell beast.

4 **Speaking of the end of the world.** The poor little misunderstood pop star Justin Bieber is snubbed by the Grammy nominators again in favour of dumb old guys like Jack White, the Black Keys, and Maroon 5. As if!

5 **Riot like an Egyptian.** The Muslim Brotherhood, now in power as the Arab Spring turns to winter, passes a constitution that prohibits discrimination against anyone, but removes the phrase "on the basis of sex, origin, religion and creed." Uh-oh. The Brotherhood's power grab has blown the lid off the uneasy calm on the streets of Cairo, where spring seems a long, long time ago.

6 **Lest we forget.** This week marks the 23rd anniversary of the cold-blooded murder of 14 women in Montreal by a crazed misogynist. It remains as horrifying as it did then. And, yes, every man owns a piece of it.

7 **What would YOU have done?** A bus driver in Vienna finds a sack stuffed with money, (390,000 euros to be precise, worth more than half a million Canadian dollars) and turns it in! It is traced to an elderly lady who left it behind on the bus. For being the world's most painfully honest man, the driver receives a small cash award and, as it's the end of his shift, gets to take the rest of the day off.

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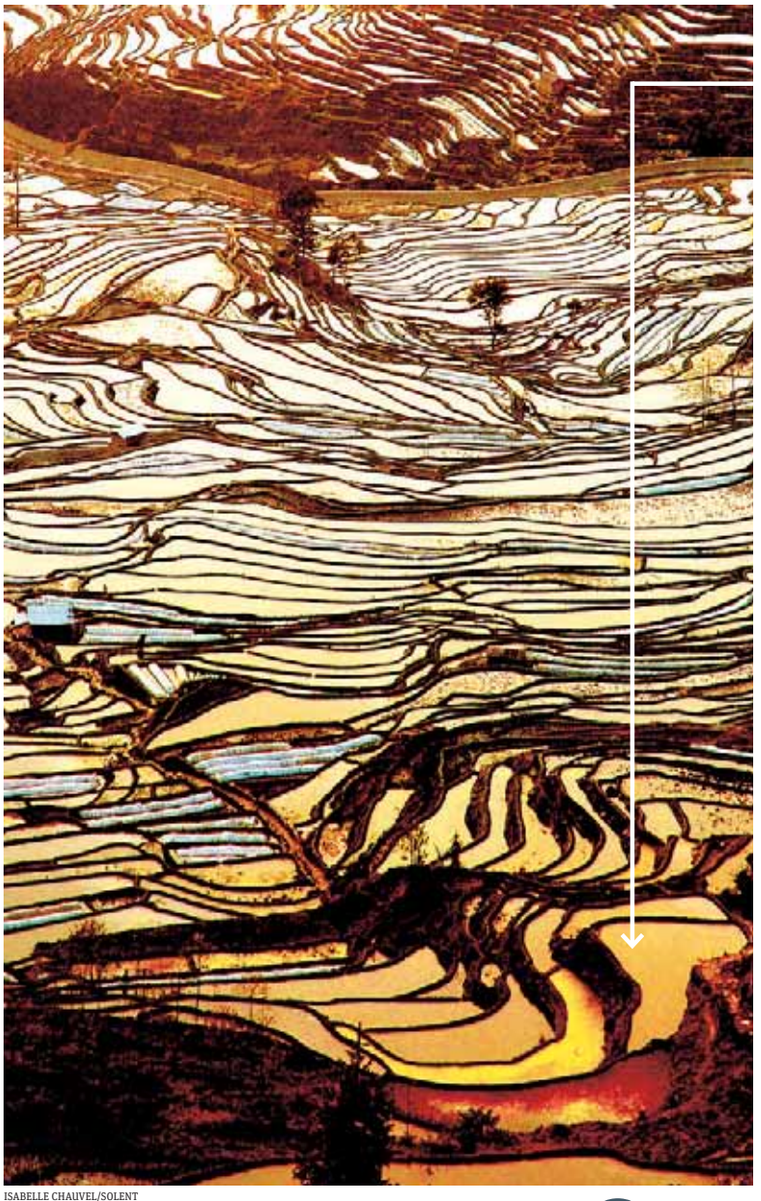
Peter Van Loan, the government's House leader, set off a dust-up when he stormed across the floor of the House of Commons to confront his NDP counterpart, Nathan Cullen, on Wednesday. SCREENGRAB/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

The beauty of making rice



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Landscape photography

Shining spectacle found in rice fields

At first glance, it looks like a stained-glass window, but a wide gaze reveals something more grand and spectacular.

Reflective pools of water at one of the world's largest rice terraces offer stunning views, especially from 1,800 metres up in the mountains. Isabelle Chauvel took the photos in Yuanyang in China's Yunnan Province. METRO

Natural beauty

Man, nature create visual wonder

Chauvel spent from sunrise to sunset taking photos of the handcrafted rice terraces.

"At each time of the day, the colours reflected in the water were different — from bright orange, off-white, earthy brown and verdant green," she told Metro. "It was a true spectacle of what nature has to offer, and the amazing creation mankind has made." METRO

Yuanyang terraces

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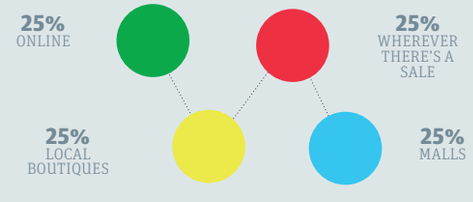

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Even Gerard Butler's trademark rakish smile can't save Playing For Keeps from crashing. HANDOUT

Reel Guys

RICHARD CROUSE AND MARK BRESLIN

Playing for weeps

Laughless. The Reel Guys agree — Gerard Butler's latest attempt at a rom com has upset the Movie Godz

Richard: Mark, I tried hard to pin point exactly the thing that bugged me about Playing for Keeps. I thought long and hard and have come to realize that we don't have enough space here for me to fully explain why this doesn't work, but let's start with the idea that the women are simply treated as sexed-up plot points and move on from there. What did you think?

Mark: Bad enough that the women are treated as sexed-up plot points; unforgivable that they're all just dropped halfway through the movie. For a while, I thought I was watching a classic sexist Tony Curtis movie. Troglodyte, perhaps, but at least it was a bit of fun. Then the film lost its guts and became the story of a man who — sob — just wants to be reunited — sob — with his family. Yeccch!

RC: Yeah. The first half hour is, maybe not exactly promising, but on par for this kind of movie. Then it takes a turn. He has unresolved feelings for his ex-wife and the movie has unresolved plot points falling from the sky like the tears of the Movie Godz who weep when movies this bad get released. Butler's trademarked eye glint and rakish smile are not enough to save this, and someone please tell Uma Thurman to saddle up and work with Quentin Tarantino again.

MB: Speaking of Uma, how much Botox and Restylane is there in the greater Los Angeles area? Because she's left very little for the rest of us. And Zeta-Jones' vamping made me feel sorry for Butler — he probably had to endure take after take of her bad Anne Bancroft impression. Only Judy Greer gets to walk away with her dignity intact — but she always does, doesn't she? And the running gag with the East Indian landlord was embarrassing if not borderline racist. C'mon, Richard, give me something to like about this one!

RC: How about this? Katherine Heigl's not in it and it's not longer. At 106 minutes, it tests the limits of endurance. At 107 minutes or more we might have been able to press charges for cruelty. Judy Greer, however, is great and I'm going to have to ask you to be careful what you say about my Uma in future.

MB: I apologize, Richard. I love her too. It's just that I love her even more when her face can move about.

Synopsis

Gerard Butler plays George Dwyer, former soccer superstar, now sidelined by injuries. Broke and reduced to selling his own memorabilia to make ends meet, he moves to Virginia to be closer to his ex-wife (Jessica Biel) and their son Lewis (Noah Lomax). When the charming Scot begins coaches his son's soccer team all the soccer moms (Judy Greer, Catherine Zeta-Jones and Uma Thurman) throw themselves at him, but he has eyes for only one woman — his ex-wife.

- Richard:
- Mark:

Drama

Deadfall

Director. Martin Donovan

Stars. Eric Bana, Olivia Wilde

About the most interesting aspect of Deadfall is that it was apparently filmed in a blizzard. Oscar-winning filmmaker Stefan Ruzowitzky (The Counterfeiters) may have visual skill but this derivative, contrived thriller about two sibling thieves (Bana, Wilde) that split up in snowbound Michigan only to reunite at a doomed Thanksgiving dinner complete with hostages is so dour, I'd assumed it was farce if every character weren't so utterly unaffecting.

STEVE GOW

Documentary

Jason Becker: Not Dead Yet

Director. Jesse Vile

Stars. Jason Becker, Gary Becker

When 19-year old guitar prodigy Jason Becker was diagnosed with Lou Gehrig's Disease (ALS) in 1989, the news meant swiftly advancing paralysis and death. But two decades on, the one-time lead picker for David Lee Roth is still making music, unable to move or speak. This simple documentary might've been boosted with a bit more background on ALS but its frank approach also makes it an incredibly inspiring watch.

STEVE GOW

Documentary

Exile — A Myth Unearthed

Director. Ilan Ziv

The central question posed in Ilan Ziv's documentary is, to put it mildly, controversial: What if the Jewish people were never really exiled from their homeland in the first century A.D.? It's understood a mass exodus occurred after the Roman destruction of Jerusalem's Second Temple — a belief that's become the foundation for both Christian and Jewish theology. But some archaeologists and historians now suggest that many Jews simply stayed put, which raises interesting questions about Palestinian descendants. **MANORI RAVINDRAN**

Don't miss Last Chance

With Human Rights Day on December 10, the National Film Board of Canada is offering a free screening on their website of Last Chance, a documentary by Paul Émile d'Entremont featuring five asylum-seekers from Jamaica, Colombia, Lebanon, Egypt and Nicaragua who have fled homophobic violence. Check out NFB.ca, or metronews.ca/scene to see the trailer. CHARLES GAGNON

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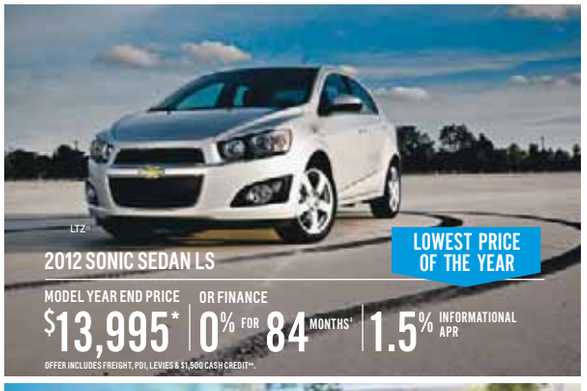

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The Bay: The first eco-horror movie

Movies. Oscar winner Barry Levinson has made the Paranormal Activity of environmental movies. Get ready to be scared by The Bay

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Metro World News in Hollywood

On July 4, 2009, tiny monsters popped out of the Chesapeake Bay near Washington D.C. and horrifically killed innocent people, leaving them battered, bloodied and infected. True story? No, but new movie The Bay pretends it is. The flick is filmed in found footage style à la The Blair Witch Project and Paranormal Activity. Hidden inside is an environmental message: Our waters are toxic. Oscar-winner Barry Levinson created the film, leading us to ask:

A found footage movie seems a strange choice for an Oscar winner. What made you want to do it?
Well, I would not have thought to do a movie like this. It was an evolution. I was approached by the people in Maryland to do a documentary about the Chesapeake Bay because it's 40 per cent dead. I looked into it, I found out that PBS had done a documentary that was terrific, but ultimately nobody really responded or cared or thought that we ought to do something about this largest estuary in the U.S. that's 40 per cent dead, filled with a toxic soup. Then a couple of weeks later I thought, maybe what you need to do is if you took all the facts and you pulled it into a story ... and you create characters, maybe the facts will become more frightening to us.

Is that the movie equivalent of sneaking medication into someone's dessert?
The information becomes vital to the storytelling. It becomes one and the same; it's connective that way.

"I'll never swim in the bay again." Movie still of an infested patient. LIONSGATE

And so, I think it adds to the experience because it adds the credibility.

What are some of the conditions in the movie that come from those facts?
Well, take the drinking water. We know the filtration systems in the United States are basically D-rated. That's what they say, it met the standards. It's substandard, but it met the standards. We know our water quality is a D-minus. And we go, "Well that's good enough."

What about the monsters in the film?
They're really isopods and they do exist. They're not in the Chesapeake Bay, but they're in the Atlantic. In the scene where the oceanographer holds one up to the camera and says, "This is sea lice," that's not a CGI shot. That's a fish that has sea lice on it in South Carolina where we were filming. We've got a lot of stuff that's got a reality base to it that makes it even scarier.

Are there any efforts now to correct the situation in the Chesapeake Bay?
They say there are efforts to fix it. You could correct the damage if you put a real effort forward. Now they're doing some work, so I won't say they're not doing anything. But they're not doing what you have to do. You've got to be in an emergency mode. And I mean, it's all doable. You can correct it. It's just, "Do you have the will to want to do it or not?"

The Bay is on iTunes now.
www.thebay-movie.com

Julia Roberts as Erin. UNIVERSAL

The money behind Green Cinema

Hollywood is filled with activists behind a good cause, especially the environment. But the history of Green Cinema has had a spotty track record.

It often works best when the environmental message is inherent to the story, especially if the movie is based on actual events, like Erin Brockovich or last year's Big Miracle, about one Alaska town's efforts to free a family of whales. And a fictional movie can take its cues from real life, as in Richard Linklater's Fast Food Nation, about the horrors of McDonald's.

Hollywood triumphs when it mixes a eco message into mainstream entertainment, like James Cameron's Avatar (biggest movie ever), disaster flick The Day After Tomorrow (a smash) or Pixar's adorable Wall-E (made $520 million worldwide). This year, director Barry Levinson tries using a gore-filled horror movie, The Bay. Made for a small sum, it'll probably make back its money.

There's often no substitute for the truth, and eco-themed documentaries are a long and proud tradition. Famous ones include Al Gore's Oscar-winning An Inconvenient Truth and Waste Land, a Brazilian movie on making art from Earth's largest landfill.

Meanwhile, Gus Van Sant's Promised Land on controversial hydraulic drilling, or fracking, is out next month and in time for Oscar consideration. But will it be a hit or a flop?

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Green heroes and zeroes

Hero

Gisele Bundchen

The Brazilian model was named the Best Green International Celebrity at last year's Green Awards, and since 2009 is UN Environment Goodwill Ambassador.

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Daryl Hannah

The U.S. actress-activist has been arrested while at protests for eco groups. A vegan and the driver of a biodiesel car, Hannah records video blogs on sustainability.

Hero

Mark Ruffalo

Green on screen (as Hulk in The Avengers), green in life, the U.S. actor stopped by Metro's New York office for Earth Day last year to guest-edit the newspaper.

Zero

Mariah Carey

Airmiles addict diva is famous for an overindulgence of her private jet. She's even been known to fly a personal trainer into New York just for a workout.

Zero

John Travolta

His passion for aviation leaves a hefty carbon footprint. One group estimated that the actor's hobby generates an average of 800 tons of carbon emissions a year.

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Toby Keith

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From horror to comedy, the holidays give us plenty of time for movies

Preview. Metro looks at some of the upcoming flicks hitting theatres near you

UPCOMING COMEDIES

All that holiday family time will leave most of us in need of a few good laughs.

The Guilt Trip
Dec. 19 — This road trip movie starring Seth Rogen and Barbra Streisand aims to plumb the treasure trove of jokes to be made about a mother and son going on a road trip across the country.

The Guilt Trip HANDOUT

This is 40
Dec. 21 — As the "sort of sequel" to 2007's Knocked Up, this Judd Apatow film follows committed couple Debbie and Pete (Leslie Mann and Paul Rudd) as they struggle with aging and each other.

Quartet
Jan. 11 (limited) — Dustin Hoffman directs this comedy about a British retirement home for opera singers and the longtime resident who reunites with a lost love. Pretty much, it's Best Exotic Marigold Quartet.

A Haunted House
Jan. 11 — Marlon Wayans, Cedric the Entertainer and Nick Swardson finally give Paranormal Activity and all those exorcist movies the send-up they deserve.

Movie 43
Jan. 25 — Like those monster ensemble rom coms such as Valentine's Day and New Year's Eve, this comedy packs in a load of stars but promises to be a least a little bit more enjoyable than the aforementioned cheesefests.

SCI-FI, HORROR, ACTION

Despite being the season for high-concept movies, the horror and action genres have plenty to offer this winter.

Texas Chainsaw 3D
Jan. 4 — It's yet another remake of the classic horror flick, but this time the story follows a young woman who journeys to Texas to gather her inheritance, which happens to be in the home of Leatherface.

Mama
Jan. 18 — Annabel and Lucas, a young couple, must raise his two young nieces after being left to fend for themselves by their late parents. They soon discover the girls' dark past, which includes a relentless spirit called Mama.

The Last Exorcism 2: The Beginning of the End
March 1 — If you can get past the film's misleading predecessor, the sequel picks up somewhere down the track as Nell Sweetzer attempts to move on from the past, but is confronted by the sinister force that previously possessed her.

Gangster Squad
Jan. 11 — If Ryan Gosling and Emma Stone aren't enough

This is 40, starring Paul Rudd and Leslie Mann. HANDOUT

to get you interested, this film looks set to be one of the best winter releases. The action flick follows the LAPD's struggle with the East Coast Mafia during the '40s and '50s.

Parker
Jan. 25 — Jason Statham steps back into his signature role as an action hero, but this time he plays a thief who forms an alliance with an unlikely friend (Jennifer Lopez) to get revenge on his gang.

Parker HANDOUT

Hansel and Gretel Witch Hunters
Jan. 25 — The name pretty much sums it up. The flick is a modern take on the classic fairy tale in which we see Hansel and Gretel on a pursuit for vengeance against the witches who tortured them as children.

Jack Reacher
Dec. 21 — In this adaptation of the Lee Child crime series, Tom Cruise plays an ex-military homicide investigator who steps in to solve a case in which a trained sniper is accused of killing five random innocents.

FILMS LIKELY TO SCORE A GOLDEN STATUETTE

1. Killing Them Softly
Friday — Brad Pitt stars in this dark underworld thriller about a pair of small-time crooks that rob a mobster card game. Soon an enforcer (Pitt) is sent in to make sure that debts are properly paid.

2. Hyde Park on Hudson
Friday (limited) — Bill Murray, Laura Linney and Olivia Williams star in this depiction of the affair between FDR and his distant cousin, Margaret Stuckley, during the landmark visit of the first reigning British royals on American soil.

3. Amour
Dec. 19 (limited) — The winner of the 2012 Palme d'Or at the Cannes Film Festival has yet to leave anything but a stirring impression on those who have seen it. Austrian filmmaker Michael Haneke's depiction of an elderly couple facing their mortality guarantees a beautifully heart-rending experience.

4. Zero Dark Thirty
Dec. 19 (limited) — After her Oscar win for 2008's The Hurt Locker, Kathryn Bigelow presents another military drama in the Middle East, this time following the hunt and execution of Osama Bin Laden.

5. The Impossible
Dec. 21 (limited) — Naomi Watts and Ewan McGregor star in the true story of one family's struggle to survive the tsunami that struck the coast of Thailand in 2004.

6. Not Fade Away
Dec. 21 (limited) — The mastermind behind The Sopranos, David Chase, writes and directs this nostalgic drama about a fledgling rock band trying to make it big in 1960s New Jersey. And yes, James Gandolfini (formerly known as Tony Soprano) does make an appearance.

7. On the Road
Jan. 18 (limited) — This long-awaited adaptation of Jack Kerouac's beloved beatnik novel stars Garrett Hedlund, Kirsten Dunst and of course a topless-at-one-point Kristen Stewart as a bunch of roustabout rebels in the late '50s, trying to discover what it means to be free.

8. Django Unchained
Dec. 25 — Vigilante justice is the cornerstone of any Quentin Tarantino film, and his 2012 offering promises to deliver the obligatory amount of gratuitous bloodshed. Jamie Foxx plays a freed slave who is assisted in revenge by his mentor, played by Christoph Waltz.

Django Unchained HANDOUT

9. Les Miserables
Dec. 25 — Some Oscar wins are practically in the hands of director Tom Hooper already for his adaptation of the Broadway musical, originally penned as a novel by Victor Hugo. By recording the live singing performances of stars Russell Crowe, Hugh Jackman, Anne Hathaway and others, the film stands to break new ground for musical adaptations that eschew the cheese factor.

10. Promised Land
Jan. 4 — Matt Damon, Frances McDormand, John Krasinski and Rosemarie DeWitt star in this film about a natural gas company salesman who experiences a conflict of interest when arriving in a small town that is the next target for prospecting.

11. The Hobbit: An Unexpected Journey
Dec. 14 — The first installment of Peter Jackson's latest Tolkien trilogy is sure to pick up at least a few technical awards for its daring method of shooting film at twice the speed of regular film (48 frames per second, as opposed to the traditional 24).
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Richard Armitage plays Thorin Oakenshield, exiled dwarf king, in The Hobbit. HANDOUT

Armitage's journey to becoming a dwarf

The Hobbit. Actor credits Tolkien with pushing his imagination and leading him to acting

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In The Hobbit: An Unexpected Journey, British actor Richard Armitage plays Thorin Oakenshield, exiled dwarf king. He's a newcomer to the Peter Jackson vision of Middle Earth — which began with the three Lord of the Rings films, and continues with a new Hobbit trilogy — but no stranger to the world of author J.R.R. Tolkien.

"I am one of those people who have loved the book," he says. "I remember being read The Hobbit by a teacher in primary school who did amazing voices, God bless her. I picked up the book myself and started reading it, which was kind of rare because normally I would have to be forced to read."

He missed the chance to audition for the first set of films, but when The Hobbit came around he jumped at the chance.

"I had no idea how I would fit into that story because the idea of playing a dwarf just wasn't on my radar. I'm six foot three and a half, so why on earth would I play a dwarf?"

It wasn't the first time he was excited to bring the fantasy of Middle Earth to life.

"I was in a stage production of The Hobbit when I was 13," he says, "which I leapt at. It's weird how you have that reaction when someone says they're doing a stage production, at 13 to go, 'I've read that book. I love it. Let me be in it.' I had the same feeling when they were making this movie."

He says thoughts of that long ago play are "filled with strange memories."

"I remember wearing a knitted smock, which had been sprayed silver to look like chain mail but it was made of wool. I was an elf. I was pretty tall for 13 years old. Gollum was made of paper and they didn't have enough money for a dragon, so it was a red light, a puff of smoke and a man off stage with a microphone. I remember running around in circles eating grapes because we were doing a scene in the forest where the Elves are tempting the dwarves to come to their feast."

He draws a straight line between his early love of Tolkien and his current profession.

"My imagination was totally stimulated by Tolkien's world and I think once you've had your imagination stimulated in that way, every book you ever read you dramatize in your head. You hear character's voices and visualize that world."

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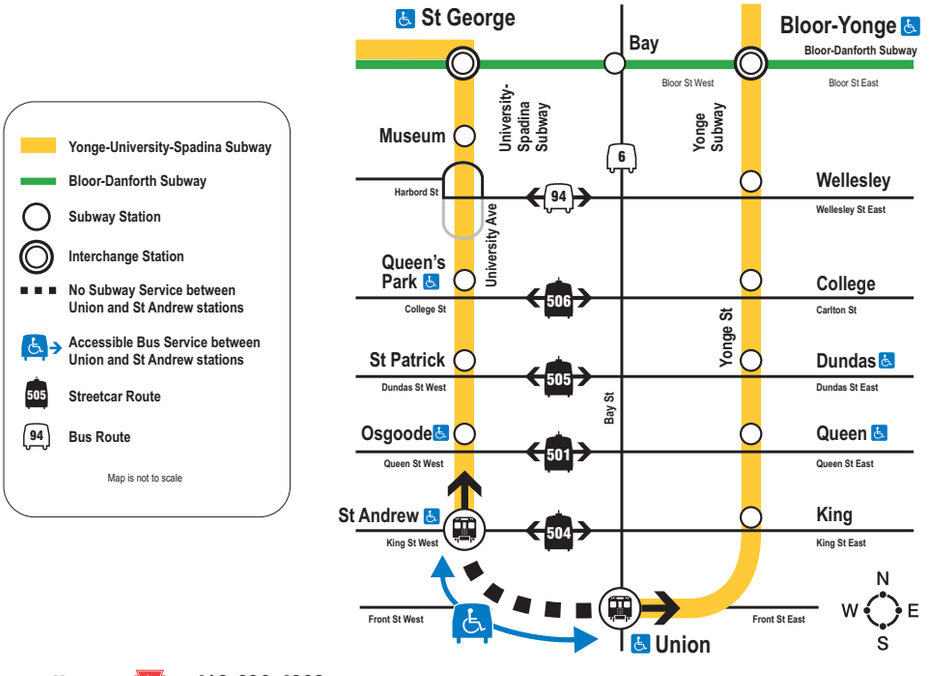

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Downtown

Bloor Hot Docs Cinema
506 Bloor St., 416-637-3123

Happy Flight (STC) Sun 3:30
Humber College Screenings (STC) Wed 6
Jason Becker: Not Dead Yet (STC) Fri 4:15-6:45 Sat 1-6:30 Sun 1-9:15 Mon 9:15 Tue 6:30 Wed 9:30 Thu 6:45-9
Letter One (STC) Fri 9
Someday (STC) Sun 6:30
The Valtari Film Experiment (STC) Sat 9:30
Villon's Wife (STC) Mon 6:30
Vinyl (STC) Sat 3:30

Carlton
20 Carlton St., 416-494-9371

Cloud Atlas (14A) Fri-Thu 1:15-4:35-8
Flight (18A) Fri-Sat 1:15-6:40 Sun 6:40 Mon-Tue 1:15-6:40 Wed 1:15 Thu 1:15-6:40
The Imposter (STC) Fri-Sat 4-9:30 Sun 9:30 Mon-Thu 4-9:30
Inch'Allah (14A) Fri-Thu 1:25-4:05-7:15
Killing Them Softly (18A) Fri-Thu 1:40-4:15-7-9:20
Lloyd the Conqueror (14A) Fri-Thu 9:10
Looper (14A) Fri-Thu 9:30
Playing for Keeps (PG) Fri-Thu 1:50-4:30-6:55-9:15
Red Dawn (PG) Fri-Thu 9:35
Rise of the Guardians (G) Fri-Thu 1:55-4:20-7:20-9:25
Searching for Sugar Man (PG) Fri-Thu 2-4:25-7:05-9:05
Seven Psychopaths (18A) Fri-Thu 1:30-4:10-6:50
Stories We Tell (PG) Fri-Thu 1:20-3:50-7:10
Toronto Film Society (STC) Mon 2

Scotiabank Theatre
259 Richmond St., 416-368-5600

Argo (14A) Fri-Sat 1:10-3:50-6:40-9:40 Sun 1:15-3:55-6:40-9:20 Mon 1:10-4-6:40-9:20 Tue 1:15-3:55-6:40-9:20 Wed 1:15-3:55-6:40-9:30 Thu 1:30-4:15-6:30-9:45
Flight (18A) Fri 12:50-4-7:10-10:20 Sat 12:35-4-7:10-10:20 Sun 12:15-3:20-6:30-9:50 Mon 12:55-4:10-10:20 Tue-Wed 3:20-6:30-9:50 Thu 12:45-4-7:10-10:25
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Looper (14A) Fri-Sat 1:50-4:40-7:40-10:30 Sun 1:40-4:20-7:15-10:10 Mon-Wed 1:40-4:20-7:15-10:20 Thu 2:15-5:10-8-11
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Red Dawn (PG) Fri-Sat 1-3:30-5:55-8:20-10:55 Sun 12:40-2:50-5:15-7:35-10 Mon 2:50-5:20-7:40-10 Tue-Wed 12:40-2:50-5:15-7:35-10 Thu 12:40-3:20-6-8:20
Royal Opera House: The Nutcracker (STC) Thu 7:30
Seven Psychopaths (18A) Fri 3:30-5:50-8:30-11:10 Sat 3-5:50-8:30-11:10 Sun-Wed 2:15-5:10-7:50-10:40 Thu 1:45-4:40-7:20-10:10
Sinister (14A) Fri 2:40-6:10-9:20
Skyfall (PG) Fri 2:10-3:20-5:30-6:50-8:40-10 Sat 12:10-2:40-3:20-5:30-6:10-6:50-8:40-9:20-10 Sun 2-2:30-2:55-5-5:40-6:10-8:15-8:50-9:30 Mon 1-2:20-3-5-5:30-6:20-8:20-9-9:30 Tue 2-2:30-3-5-5:40-6:10-8:15-8:50-9:30 Wed 12:30-3-3:45-6:10-7-8:50-9:20-9:50-10:15 Thu 1-2-2:30-4:25-5:30-7:45-9-10:35-11:10 Fri 12:55-4:10-7:30-10:45 Sat 12:45-4:10-7:30-10:40 Sun 12:30-3:45-7-10:15 Tue 12:30-3:45-7-10:15 Wed 2:30 Thu 12:15-3:30-6:45
Skyfall: The IMAX Experience (PG) Fri-Sat 1:40-4:50-8-11:15 Sun 1:30-4:35-7:40-10:45 Mon 1:30-4:30-7:30-10:30 Tue-Wed 1:30-4:35-7:40-10:45 Thu 12-3:05-6:15
The Twilight Saga: Breaking Dawn Part 2 (PG) Fri 1-1:30-2-3:40-4:30-5:10-6:30-7:20-7:50-9:30-10:10-10:50 Sat 12:15-1-1:30-3:40-4:30-5:10-6:30-7:20-7:50-9:30-10:10-10:50 Sun 12:15-12:50-1:50-2:40-3:35-4:45-6:20-6:50-7:25-9-9:40-10:10 Mon 12:45-1:30-2:15-3:35-4:45-5:15-7:25-8-9:40-10:10-10:40 Tue-Wed 12:50-1:50-2:40-3:35-4:45-6:20-6:50-7:25-9-9:40-10:10 Thu 12:10-12:50-1:20-2:50-3:40-4:05-6:10-6:50-8:55-9:35-10:30 Mon 12:45-3:45-7-10

Market Square
80 Front St., 416-494-9371

The Hobbit: An Unexpected Journey (PG) No Passes Thu 10
Killing Them Softly (18A) Fri 1:05-3:10-5:15-7:20-9:30-11:30 Sat-Thu 1:05-3:10-5:15-7:20-9:30
Life of Pi (PG) Fri-Thu 1-4-7-9:40
Playing for Keeps (PG) Fri 1:15-3:40-7:15-9:35-11:50 Sat 1:15-3:40-7:15-9:35 Sun-Mon 3:40-9:35 Tue 1:15-3:40-7:15-9:35 Wed 3:40-9:35 Thu 1:15-3:40-7:15-9:35
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Rise of the Guardians (G) Fri 1:20-3:20-5:20-7:20-9:35-11:35 Sat-Thu 1:20-3:20-5:20-7:20-9:35
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The Twilight Saga: Breaking Dawn Part 2 (PG) Fri 1:10-3:45-6:55-9:25-11:45 Sat-Wed 1:10-3:45-6:55-9:25 Thu 1:10-3:45-6:55

Revue Cinema
400 Roncesvalles Ave., 416-531-9959

Chasing Ice (PG) Mon 7 Tue 9:30
Finding Nemo 3D (G) Fri-Sun 1:30
The Lost World (STC) Sun 4
Midnight Cabaret (STC) Fri-Sat 4-6:45
Midnight's Children (PG) Sun 6:45 Mon 9 Wed 1 Thu 6:45 Wed 9:15
Seven Psychopaths (18A) Fri-Sun 9:30 Wed 7 Thu 9:30

The Royal
608 College St., 416-466-4400

Arbitrage (14A) Fri-Sun 9
Bestiaire (PG) Fri 7 Sat 4:30-7 Sun 7 Mon 9:15 Tue 9 Tue 7
The Last Days of Disco (STC) Thu 7:30
Metropolitan (STC) Wed 7:30

Varsity
55 Bloor St. W., 416-961-6304

Anna Karenina (14A) Fri-Thu 12:10-3:30-6:40-9:40
Argo (14A) Fri-Sun 11:40-2:20-5:05-7:50-10:30 Mon 5:05-7:50-10:30 Tue-Thu 11:40-2:20-5:05-7:50-10:30
Hitchcock (PG) Fri-Wed 1-3:50-6:30-9:10 Thu 1-3:50-10:05
A Late Quartet (18A) Fri-Thu 1:40-4:10-6:50-9:30
Life of Pi (PG) Fri-Thu 11:30-2:10-4:55-7:40-10:25
Life of Pi 3D (PG) Fri-Thu 12:30-3:45-7:05-10
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Canada Square
2200 Yonge St., 416-646-0444

Anna Karenina (14A) Fri 4-6:40-9:20 Sat-Sun 1:30-4:10-6:50-9:30 Mon-Thu 4:30-7:30
Argo (14A) Fri 4:10-6:50-9:30 Sat-Sun 1:20-4-6:35-9:10 Mon-Thu 4:40-7:25
Cloud Atlas (14A) Fri 4:30-8:30 Sat-Sun 1:40-5:10-8:50 Mon-Thu 3:50-7:10
Flight (18A) Fri 5-8:35 Sat-Sun 2:20-5:20-9 Mon-Thu 4:20-7:10
A Late Quartet (18A) Fri 4:15-6:30-9 Sat-Sun 2:15-4:30-7:10-9:25 Mon-Thu 4:35-6:50
Lincoln (PG) Fri 4:50-8:50 Sat-Sun 1:50-5-8:40 Mon-Thu 4-7

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The Perks of Being a Wallflower (14A) Fri 4:20-7-9:15 Sat-Sun 2:05-4:20-7-9:15 Mon-Thu 4:15-6:40

Mt. Pleasant Theatre
675 Mt.Pleasant Rd., 416-489-8484

Arbitrage (14A) Fri-Sat 9:25 Sun 4:30
The Intouchables (14A) Fri-Sun 7 Tue-Thu 7
No Films Showing Today (STC) Mon
Regent Theatre
551 Mt.Pleasant Rd., 416-480-9884
No Films Showing Today (STC) Mon
Searching for Sugar Man (PG) Fri-Sat 7-8:55 Sun 4:30-7 Tue-Thu 7

Yonge-Eglinton Centre
2300 Yonge St., 416-544-1236

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Killing Them Softly (18A) Fri 12:40-3:10-5:40-8:20-11 Sat 12:30-3:10-5:40-8:20-11 Sun 12:40-3:50-7:10-9:50 Mon-Wed 2-4:50-7:35-10:05 Thu 2-4:50-7:20-10:10
Life of Pi 3D (PG) Fri 1:10-4:15-7:30-10:40 Sat 12:40-3:50-7:10-10:20 Sun 1-4:25-7:30-10:30 Mon-Wed 1:10-4:10-7:15-10:25 Thu 10:30 Thu 1-3:55-6:50
The Metropolitan Opera: Un Ballo in Maschera Live (STC) Sat 12:55
Playing for Keeps (PG) Fri 11:55-2:30-5:10-7:50-10:30 Sat 12-2:40-5:20-8-10:45 Sun 1:20-4:35-7:40-10:25 Mon-Tue 1:20-4-6:50-9:30 Wed 4-6:50-9:30 Thu 1:20-4:05-6:45-9:25 Star & Strollers Screening Wed 1
Rise of the Guardians (G) Fri-Sun 12:20 Mon-Tue 1:05 Wed 1:20 Thu 1
Rise of the Guardians 3D (G) Fri-Sat 3-5:50-8:30-10:55 Sun 3-5:50-8:30 Mon-Wed 3:40-6:20-9 Thu 3:20-5:40-8
Royal Opera House: The Nutcracker (STC) Thu 7:30
Silver Linings Playbook (14A) Fri 12:50-3:40-6:45-10:20 Sat 12:10-3:30-6:45-9:45 Sun 12:10-3:10-6:40-9:30 Mon-Tue 1:30-4:20-7:25-10:20 Wed 4:20-7:25-10:20 Thu 1:30-4:20-6:30-10:20 Star & Strollers Screening Wed 1
Skyfall (PG) Fri 12:30-3:55-7:20-10:50 Sat 7-10:30 Sun 1:30-4:50-8:15 Mon-Wed 3:30-7-10:15 Thu 3:35-7 Fri 12:05-3:25-9:45 Sat 1:20-4:10-6:30-10 Sun 12-3:30-7-10:15 Mon-Wed 2:10-6:30-9:45 Thu 2:10-9:45
The Twilight Saga: Breaking Dawn Part 2 (PG) Fri 1-4:05-7:10-10:05 Sat 1:10-7:35-10:35 Sun 1:10-4:15-7:20-10:10 Mon-Tue 1-3:50-6:40-9:40 Wed 1:05-3:50-6:40-9:40 Thu 1:05-3:50-6:40-9:35
Wreck-It Ralph (PG) Fri 12 Sun 12:50 Mon-Thu 1:40
Wreck-It Ralph 3D (PG) Fri 2:45-5:30-8:10-10:45 Sat 4:40-7:25-10:10 Sun 3:40-6:50-9:40 Mon-Wed 4:30-7:05-9:50 Thu 4:30-7:10-9:50

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10 Dundas St East, 416-977-2642

48 HRS. (STC) Tue 4:30-9:30
Anna Karenina (14A) Fri 2-6:30-9:50 Sat-Sun 1-4-7-10 Mon-Thu 2-6:25-10
Back to 1942 (14A) Fri-Thu 2:30-5:45-9
Black Christmas (STC) Sat 7:55-10:15
A Christmas Story (STC) Sat 11
Cloud Atlas (14A) Fri 1:55-5:45-9:30 Sat-Thu 2-5:45-9:30
Deadfall (STC) Fri 3:10-5:35-8-10:25 Sat-Sun 12:45-3:10-5:35-8-10:25 Mon-Thu 3:10-5:35-8-10:25
How the Grinch Stole Christmas (G) Sat 1:15
Jab Tak Hai Jaan (PG) Fri-Thu 1:35-5:15-8:55
Jesus Christ Superstar UK Spectacular (STC) Fri 4:10
Khiladi 786 (STC) Fri 3:20-6:35-9:50 Sat-Sun 12:05-3:20-6:35-9:50 Mon-Thu 3:20-6:35-9:50
Life of Pi (PG) Fri-Thu 1:30-4:20-7:20-10:20
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Lincoln (PG) Fri 3:10-6:30-9:50 Sat-Sun 11:50-3:10-6:30-9:50 Mon-Wed 3:10-6:50-9:50 Thu 3:10-6:50-10:10
The Man With the Iron Fists (18A) Fri 2:10-5:10-8:20-10:45 Sat 12:55-3:25-5:55-8:20-10:45 Sun 11:50-2:35-5:25-7:50-10:25 Mon-Thu 2:35-5:25-7:50-10:25
Midnight's Children (PG) Fri-Thu 2:35-6:10-9:35
Miracle on 34th Street (G) Sun 12:45-5:15 Mon 4:10 Wed 7 Thu 2-7
The Perks of Being a Wallflower (14A) Fri 1:50-4:25-7:05-9:40 Sat-Sun 11-1:50-4:25-7:05-9:40 Mon-Thu 1:50-4:25-7:05-9:40
Pitch Perfect (PG) Fri 2-4:30-7:10-10:05 Sat-Sun 11:30-2-4:30-7:10-10:05 Mon-Thu 2-4:30-7:10-10:05
Playing for Keeps (PG) Fri 2:15-5:10-7:50-10:45 Sat 12:05-2:45-5:25-8:05-10:45 Sun-Thu 2:10-4:50-7:30-10:10
Raconteurs: Live At Montreux (STC) Fri 9:45
Rise of the Guardians (G) Fri 1:45-4:15 Sat-Sun 11:15-1:45-4:15 Mon-Thu 1:45-4:15
Rise of the Guardians: An IMAX 3D Experience (G) Fri 2:45-5:15-7:45-10:15 Sat-Sun 12:15-2:45-5:15-7:45-10:15 Mon-Thu 2:45-5:15-7:45-10:15
Road House (STC) Tue 2-7
Scrooged (STC) Fri 2-7:10 Sat 3:30-5:45 Sun 3-7:30-9:50 Mon 2-6:45-9:30 Wed 2-4:30-9:30 Thu 4:30-9:30
The Sessions (14A) Fri 2:40-5:05-7:30-9:55 Sat-Sun 11:55-2:40-5:05-7:30-9:55 Mon-Wed 2:40-5:05-7:30-9:55 Thu 7:30-9:55
Silver Linings Playbook (14A) Fri 1:30-3:25-4:25-6:20-7:20-9:15-10:15 Sat-Sun 12:30-1:30-3:25-4:25-6:20-7:20-9:15-10:15 Mon-Tue 1:30-3:25-4:25-6:20-7:20-9:15-10:15 Wed-Thu 1:30-3:25-4:25-7:20-10:15
Sinister (14A) Fri 2:55-5:30-8:05-10:40 Sat-Sun 11:50-2:55-5:30-8:05-10:40 Mon-Thu 1:55-4:45-7:25-10:25
Taken 2 (14A) Fri-Sat 8-10:40 Sun-Wed 7:15-10:10
Talaash (PG) Fri-Thu 2:45-6-9:10
A Werewolf Boy (PG) Fri 3:55-6:55-9:55 Sat-Sun 12:55-3:55-6:55-9:55 Mon-Thu 2:25-6:35-9:55
Wreck-It Ralph (PG) Fri 1:55 Sat-Sun 11:20-1:55 Mon-Thu 1:55
Wreck-It Ralph 3D (PG) Fri-Thu 4:35-7:10-9:45

TIFF Bell Lightbox
350 King St. West, 416-599-8433

Casino Royale (PG) Sat 2:45
Chasing Ice (PG) Fri 1:15-3:45 Sat-Sun 1:15-3:45-6 Tue 1:15-3:45 Wed-Thu 3:45
Diamonds Are Forever (PG) Sat 12
The End of Time (PG) Wed-Thu 1:45-4:15-6:45-9:15
Entre les Bras (G) Fri-Sun 1:30-4-6:15-8:30 Mon 6:15-8:30 Tue-Thu 1:30-4-6:15-8:30
From Beijing With Love (R) Fri 9
Goldfinger (PG) Sun 2
Great Expectations (PG) Thu 6:15
Hellraiser (R) Sat 10
Holy Motors (14A) Fri-Sun 2-8:45 Mon 8:45 Tue-Wed 2-8:45 Thu 2
In Conversation With... John Glen (STC) Mon 7
The Laughing Star (PG) Fri 6:30
Laura (PG) Tue 6:30
The Living Daylights (PG) Sat 6
Moonraker (PG) Thu 9:15
Octopussy (PG) Mon 9
Packaged Goods: The Year's Best (14A) Wed 7
Quantum of Solace (PG) Sun 7:30
The Queen (PG) Sun 5
Samsara (PG) Fri-Sun 1-3:30-7-9:45 Mon 7-9:45 Tue 1-3:30-7-9:45 Wed 1-3:30-9:45 Thu 1-3:30-7-9:45
The Suicide Shop (14A) Fri 12-4:40-6:40 Sat-Sun 12-4:40-6:40-9 Mon 6:40 Tue 12-4:40-6:40 Wed-Thu 12-4:40
A View to a Kill (PG) Tue 9

West End

Albion Cinemas
1530 Albion Rd., 416-742-3456

Khiladi 786 (STC) Fri 3:45-6:45-9:45 Sat-Sun 1-3:45-6:45-9:45 Mon-Thu 3:45-6:45-9:30
Talaash (PG) Fri 3:30-6:30-9:30 Sat-Sun 12:45-3:30-6:30-9:30 Mon-Thu 3:30-6:30-9:30
Queensway
1025 The Queensway, 416-503-0424
Anna Karenina (14A) Fri-Sun 12:35-3:35-6:45-9:50 Mon-Thu 1-3:55-6:55-9:55
Argo (14A) Fri-Sun 1:20-4:20-7:15-10:05 Mon-Wed 1:45-4:35-7:25-10:15 Thu 1:45-4:35-7:25-10:20
A Christmas Story (STC) Sat 11
Cloud Atlas (14A) Fri-Sun 7:10-10:50 Mon-Thu 6:25-10:05
Flight (18A) Fri 3:35-6:50-10 Sat-Sun 12:10-3:35-6:50-10 Mon-Wed 3:50-7:10-10:20 Thu 12:40-3:50-7:10-10:20
Hitchcock (PG) Fri 12:25-3-5:30-8:05-10:35 Sat 11:30-2-5:30-8:05-10:35 Sun 12:25-3-5:30-8:05-10:35 Mon-Tue 1-2:50-5:20-7:50-10:25 Wed 2:50-5:20-7:50-10:25 Thu 12:35-3-5:25-7:50-10:40 Star & Strollers Screening Wed 1
The Hobbit: An Unexpected Journey 3D (PG) No Passes Thu 10 No Passes Thu 10:30
Hotel Transylvania (PG) Fri-Sun 12:25-2:45-5:05 Mon-Thu 1:40-4:05
Killing Them Softly (18A) Fri 1:05-3:30-5:55-8:20-10:45 Sat 1:05-3:25-5:55-8:20-10:45 Sun 12-3:30-5:55-8:20-10:45 Mon-Tue 3-5:30-8-10:30 Wed 1:50-4:10-7:15-10:30 Thu 12:45-3:05-5:30-8-10:25
Life of Pi 3D (PG) Fri-Sun 1:25-4:25-7:30-10:40 Mon-Wed 1:25-4:25-7:20-10:20 Thu 10:10 Thu 12:45-3:40-6:45
Lincoln (PG) Fri 12:30-3:45-7:05-10:25 Sat-Sun 12:20-3:45-7:05-10:25 Mon-Thu 3:10-6:30-9:50
Looper (14A) Fri-Sun 7:35-10:25 Mon-Wed 6:55-9:40 Thu 7:15
The Metropolitan Opera: Un Ballo in Maschera Live (STC) Sat 12:55
Miracle on 34th Street (G) Sun 12:45 Wed 7
Playing for Keeps (PG) Fri 12:55-2:40-5:15-7:50-10:30 Sat-Sun 12:05-2:40-5:15-7:50-10:30 Mon-Tue 1:15-2:35-5:15-7:55-10:35 Wed 2:35-5:15-7:55-10:35 Thu 12:35-2:05-4:55-7:45-10:35 Star & Strollers Screening Wed 1
Red Dawn (PG) Fri 12:50-3:25-6-8:30-10:55 Sat 6-8:30-11 Sun 12:50-3:25-6-8:30-10:55 Mon-Wed 2:55-5:20-7:45-10:10 Thu 2:20-4:50-10:45
Rise of the Guardians (G) Fri 2:10-4:40 Sat 11:45-2:10-4:40 Sun 2:10-4:40 Mon-Thu 1:35-4
Rise of the Guardians 3D (G) Fri 12:25-2:50-5:20-7:45-10:15 Sat-Sun 12:15-2:50-5:20-7:45-10:15 Mon-Wed 2:45-5:10-7:35-10 Thu 2:45-5:10-7:40-10:05
Royal Opera House: The Nutcracker (STC) Thu 7:30
Silver Linings Playbook (14A) Fri-Sun 1:10-4:10-7:25-10:35 Mon-Wed 1:20-4:15-7:15-10:10 Thu 12:50-3:45-6:50-9:45
Skyfall (PG) Fri-Sun 12:30-1-3:40-4:15-7-7:40-10:20-10:55 Mon-Wed 1:10-3:30-4:20-6:50-7:30-10-10:40 Thu 12:30-1:10-3:35-4:20-7-7:35-10:10-10:40
The Twilight Saga: Breaking Dawn Part 2 (PG) Fri 1:40-2:20-4:30-5:10-7:20-8-10:10-10:50 Sat 11:35-2:20-4:30-5:10-7:20-8-10:10-10:50 Sun 1:40-2:20-4:30-5:10-7:20-8-10:10-10:50 Mon-Tue 1:30-2:10-4:15-4:55-7-7:40-9:45-10:30 Wed 1:30-2:10-4:15-4:55-7:40-9:45-10:30 Thu 1:30-2:15-4:15-5:05-7:20-7:55-10:15
Wreck-It Ralph (PG) Fri 1:30 Sat 11 Sun 1:30 Mon-Thu 1:55
Wreck-It Ralph 3D (PG) Fri 4:05-6:55-9:35 Sat 1:30-4:05-6:55-9:35 Sun 4:05-6:55-9:35 Mon-Wed 4:30-7:05-9:35 Thu 4:30-7:05-9:40

Woodbine Centre
500 Rexdale Blvd., 416-213-1998

The Hobbit: An Unexpected Journey (PG) Thu 10
Killing Them Softly (18A) Fri-Tue 12:55-4-7:10-9:40 Wed 4-7:10-9:40 Thu 12:55-4-7:10-9:40
Life of Pi (PG) Fri-Thu 1:05-4:05-7-9:45
Playing for Keeps (PG) Fri-Thu 1:15-4:10-7:05-9:30
Rise of the Guardians (G) Fri-Thu 12:45-3:45-6:45-9:20
Skyfall (PG) Fri-Thu 12:30-3:30-6:30-9:30
The Twilight Saga: Breaking Dawn Part 2 (PG) Fri-Wed 1-4-6:50-9:35 Thu 1-4-6:50
Wreck-It Ralph (PG) Fri-Thu 1:10-3:55-6:55-9:25

Kingsway Theatre
3030 Bloor St. West, w 416-232-1939

Chasing Ice (PG) Fri-Thu 4:25
The Perks of Being a Wallflower (14A) Fri-Thu 12:30
Samsara (PG) Fri-Thu 2:30-7:35
Searching for Sugar Man (PG) Fri-Thu 6
Seven Psychopaths (18A) Fri-Thu 9:20

Humber Cinema
2:2442 Bloor St. West, 416-232-1939

The Hobbit: An Unexpected Journey (PG) Thu 10
Playing for Keeps (PG) Fri-Sun 1-3:30-7-10 Mon-Thu 7-10
Rise of the Guardians (G) Fri-Sun 1:15-4-7:15-9:30 Mon-Thu 7:15-9:30
Skyfall (PG) Fri-Sun 12:45-3:45-6:30-9:45 Mon-Thu 6:30-9:45
The Twilight Saga: Breaking Dawn Part 2 (PG) Mon-Thu 7-9:30
Wreck-It Ralph (PG) Fri-Sun 12:30-3:30-7-9:15

East End

Beach Cinemas
1651 Queen St. E., 416-699-5971

The Hobbit: An Unexpected Journey 3D (PG) No Passes Thu 10
Life of Pi 3D (PG) Fri-Sun 1-3:50-7:20-10:10 Mon 7:10-10 Tue 3:50-7:20-10:10 Wed-Thu 7:10-10
The Metropolitan Opera: Un Ballo in Maschera Live (STC) Sat 12:55
Playing for Keeps (PG) Fri 1:30-4:20-6:50-9:40 Sat 1:30-4:20-6:50-9:30 Sun 1:30-4:20-6:50-9:40 Mon 6:50-9:30 Tue 4:20-6:50-9:40 Wed-Thu 6:50-9:30
Rise of the Guardians (G) Fri-Sun 1:20
Rise of the Guardians 3D (G) Fri 3:40-6:30-9:20 Sat 3:40-7-9:20 Sun 3:40-6:30-9:20 Mon 6:30-9:20 Tue 3:40-6:30-9:20 Wed-Thu 6:30-9:20
Silver Linings Playbook (14A) Fri 1:10-4:10-7-9:50 Sat 1:10-4:10-6:40-9:50 Sun 1:10-4:10-7-9:50 Mon 6:40-9:50 Tue 4:10-7-9:50 Wed 6:40-9:50 Thu 6:40-9:40
Skyfall (PG) Fri-Sun 12:50-4-7:10-10:20 Mon 7-10:10 Tue 4-7:10-10:20 Wed 7-10:10 Thu 6:35-10:10
The Twilight Saga: Breaking Dawn Part 2 (PG) Fri 12:50-3:30-6:40-9:30 Sat 7-9:40 Sun 12:50-3:30-6:40-9:30 Mon 7:05-9:40 Tue 3:30-6:40-9:30 Wed 7:05-9:40 Thu 7:05

Fox Theatre
2236 Queen St. E., 416-691-7330

Chasing Ice (PG) Wed 9:30 Thu 7
Finding Nemo 3D (G) Fri-Sun 1:30
Looper (14A) Fri-Tue 9:30
Midnight's Children (PG) Fri-Sun 4-6:45 Mon-Wed 6:45 Thu 9 Wed 1:30
North York
Sheppard Grande
4861 Yonge St., 416-590-9974
Anna Karenina (14A) Fri-Sun 12:40-3:50-7-10:10 Mon-Thu 3:50-7-10
Cloud Atlas (14A) Fri 1-5-9 Sat 9 Sun 1:10-5-9 Mon-Thu 5-9
Flight (18A) Fri-Sat 12:50-4-7:05-10:20 Sun 12:20-3:30-6:40-9:55 Mon-Thu 3:20-6:40-9:50
Hitchcock (PG) Fri 2:15-5-7:45-10:25 Sat-Sun 11:30-2:15-5-7:45-10:25 Mon-Thu 4:50-7:20-10
Life of Pi 3D (PG) Fri 1:10-4:10-7:20-10:30 Sat-Sun 1-4:10-7:20-10:30 Mon-Thu 3:55-6:45-9:45
Lincoln (PG) Fri 3-6:30-10 Sat-Sun 11:35-3-6:30-10 Mon-Thu 6:10-9:40
The Metropolitan Opera: Un Ballo in Maschera Live (STC) Sat 12:55
Royal Opera House: The Nutcracker (STC) Thu 7:30
The Sessions (14A) Fri 2:45-5:30-8:05-10:35 Sat 8:05-10:35 Sun 12:10-2:45-5:30-8:05-10:30 Mon-Wed 4-6:55-9:20
Silver Linings Playbook (14A) Fri-Sat 1:30-4:35-7:35-10:30 Mon-Thu 3:45-6:50-9:40
A Werewolf Boy (PG) Fri 12:40-3:45-6:40-9:40 Sat 12:45-3:45-6:40-9:40 Sun 12:40-3:40-6:35-9:30 Mon-Thu 3:40-6:35-9:30
Wreck-It Ralph (PG) Sat-Sun 11:45
Wreck-It Ralph 3D (PG) Fri-Sun 2:10-4:40-7:15-9:50 Mon-Thu 4:40-7:15-9:50

Empress Walk
5095 Yonge St., 416-223-9550

Argo (14A) Digital, Stadium Seating Fri 4:10-6:50-9:50 Digital, Stadium Seating Sat-Sun 1:15-4:10-6:50-9:50 Digital, Stadium Seating Mon-Thu 4:10-6:50-9:50
The Hobbit: An Unexpected Journey — An IMAX 3D Experience (PG) Stadium Seating Thu 10
The Hobbit: An Unexpected Journey 3D (PG) Stadium Seating Thu 10:30
Killing Them Softly (18A) Digital, Stadium Seating Fri 4-7:40-10 Digital, Stadium Seating Sat-Sun 1:20-4-7:40-10 Digital, Stadium Seating Mon-Thu 4-7:40-10
Playing for Keeps (PG) Digital, Stadium Seating Fri 4:30-7:20-10:05 Digital, Stadium Seating Sat-Sun 1:45-4:30-7:20-10:05 Digital, Stadium Seating Mon-Thu 4:30-7:20-10:05
Rise of the Guardians (G) Digital, Stadium Seating Fri 3:50-6:15 Digital, Stadium Seating Sat 3:30-6:15 Digital, Stadium Seating Sun 1-3:30-6:15 Digital, Stadium Seating Mon-Wed 3:50-6:15 Digital, Stadium Seating Thu 3:50-6:15-9
Rise of the Guardians 3D (G) Stadium Seating Fri 4:20-6:45-9:30 Stadium Seating Sat-Sun 1:30-4:20-6:45-9:30 Stadium Seating Mon-Thu 4:20-6:45-9:30
Skyfall (PG) Digital, Stadium Seating Fri 4:15-5:45-7:25-9-9:25-10:30 Digital, Stadium Seating Sat 1:10-2-4:15-5:45-7:25-9-9:25-10:30 Digital, Stadium Seating Sun 1:10-2-4:15-5:45-7:25-9-9:25 Digital, Stadium Seating Mon-Wed 4:15-5:45-7:25-9-9:25 Digital, Stadium Seating Thu 4:15-5:45-7:25-9:25
Skyfall: The IMAX Experience (PG) Stadium Seating Fri 3:45-7-10:15 Stadium Seating Sat-Sun 12:45-3:45-7-10:15 Stadium Seating Mon-Wed 3:45-7-10:15 Stadium Seating Thu 3:45-7
The Twilight Saga: Breaking Dawn Part 2 (PG) Digital Fri 3:40-5:30-6:30-8:30-9:15 Digital Sat-Sun 12:50-2:15-3:40-5:30-6:30-8:30-9:15 Digital Mon-Thu 3:40-5:30-6:30-8:30-9:15

SilverCity Yorkdale 6
3401 Dufferin St., 416-444-3456

A Christmas Story (STC) Sat 11
Flight (18A) Fri 12:35-3:45-6:55-10:10 Sat-Sun 12:15-3:30-6:45-10:05 Mon-Wed 12:50-3:55-7:10-10:20 Thu 12:50-3:55-7:10
The Hobbit: An Unexpected Journey 3D (PG) No Passes Thu 10
Killing Them Softly (18A) Fri 2:40-5:10-7:45-10:20 Sat 11:40-2:40-5:10-7:45-10:20 Sun 12:10-2:40-5:10-7:45-10:15 Mon-Thu 2:30-5:05-7:40-10:15
Life of Pi 3D (PG) Fri-Sat 1:05-4:05-7:15-10:15 Sun 12:55-4-7:10 Mon-Thu 12:55-3:50-6:55-10
Playing for Keeps (PG) Fri 2:20-5:10-7:50-10:30 Sat 11:50-2:30-5:10-7:50-10:30 Sun-Thu 1:30-4:20-7:05-9:50
Red Dawn (PG) Fri 2:10-5-7:30-10 Sat-Sun 12-2:30-5-7:30-10 Mon-Wed 2:20-5-7:30-10 Thu 2:20-5-7:30-9:55
Rise of the Guardians (G) Fri 12:45 Sat 11:30 Sun 12:10 Mon-Thu 1
Rise of the Guardians 3D (G) Fri 3:30-7-9:30 Sat 2-4:30-7-9:30 Sun 2:45-5:20-7:55-10:20 Mon-Thu 3:30-7-9:30
Skyfall (PG) Fri 3:15-9:40 Sat-Sun 3:10-9:40 Mon-Wed 3:30-9:50 Thu 10:30 Fri 12:25-3:50-7:10-10:30 Sat 12:30-3:50-7:10-10:30 Sun 12:35-3:55-7:15-10:30 Mon-Wed 12:45-4-7:15-10:30 Thu 3:05-9:40 Thu 12:15-3:30-6:45
The Twilight Saga: Breaking Dawn Part 2 (PG) Fri 12:30-1:30-4:30-6:50-7:35-10:25 Sat 11:10-12:20-1:55-4:45-6:50-7:35-10:25 Sun 12:20-1:45-4:40-6:50-7:40-10:25 Mon-Wed 12:45-1:50-4:45-7-7:40-10:30 Thu 12:20-1:50-4:45-6:40-7:40-10:30
Wreck-It Ralph (PG) Fri 12:15 Sat 11:15 Sun 12:50 Mon-Thu 1:30
Wreck-It Ralph 3D (PG) Fri 3:20-6:30-9:20 Sat 1:55-4:35-7:15-9:55 Sun 3:45-6:30-9:15 Mon-Thu 4:30-7:20-10:10

Silvercity Fairview
1800 Sheppard Ace. E., 416-644-7746

A Christmas Story (STC) Sat 11
Flight (18A) Fri-Sat 1-6:40 Sun-Tue 1-6:45 Wed 1:10-6:45 Thu 1-6:45
The Hobbit: An Unexpected Journey 3D (PG) No Passes Thu 10
Killing Them Softly (18A) Fri-Sun 12:30-3-5:30-8-10:30 Mon-Thu 2:20-4:55-7:30-9:55
Life of Pi 3D (PG) Fri 1:10-4:10-7:10-10:10 Sat 12:40-3:40-7:10-10:10 Sun 1:10-4:10-7:10-10:10 Mon-Wed 1:05-4:05-7:05-10:10 Thu 1:05-4:10-7:10-10:10
The Metropolitan Opera: Un Ballo in Maschera Live (STC) Sat 12:55
Miracle on 34th Street (G) Sun 12:45 Wed 7
Playing for Keeps (PG) Fri 2:10-4:50-7:25-10:15 Sat 11:20-2:10-4:50-7:25-10:15 Sun 2:10-4:50-7:25-10:15 Mon-Tue 2:10-4:50-7:25-10:05 Wed 4:50-7:25-10:05 Thu 2:10-4:50-7:25-10:05 Star & Strollers Screening Wed 1
Red Dawn (PG) Fri-Sun 4:20-9:55 Mon-Thu 4:20-9:50
Rise of the Guardians (G) Fri-Sun 12 Mon-Tue 2:15 Star & Strollers Screening Wed 1 Thu 2:15
Rise of the Guardians 3D (G) Fri-Sun 2:20-5-7:30-10 Mon-Thu 4:45-7:20-9:45
Skyfall (PG) Fri 12:45-3:30-4-6:50-7:20-10:05-10:35 Sat 12:45-4-6:50-7:20-10:05-10:35 Sun 12:45-3:30-4-6:50-7:20-10:05-10:35 Mon-Tue 1:40-3:45-5-7-8:20-10:15 Wed 12:50-3:45-4:10-7-9:30-10:15 Thu 2-3:45-6:40-7-10:15
The Twilight Saga: Breaking Dawn Part 2 (PG) Fri-Sun 2-4:40-7:35-10:25 Mon-Thu 1:25-4:15-7:15-10
Wreck-It Ralph (PG) Fri-Sun 11:50 Mon-Thu 1:30
Wreck-It Ralph 3D (PG) Fri-Sun 2:30-5:10-7:45-10:20 Mon-Tue 4:10-6:50-9:40 Wed 4-6:50-9:40 Thu 4:10-6:50-9:40

Scarborough

Coliseum Scarborough
300 Borough Dr., 416-290-5217

24/7 in Love (PG) Fri-Sat 1:45-4:30-7:15-10 Sun-Mon 1:45-4:30-7:15-10:05 Tue 1:45-4:30-7:15-10 Wed-Thu 1:45-4:30-7:15-10:05
A Christmas Story (STC) Sat 11
Flight (18A) Fri-Sat 12:50-4:05-7:25-10:35 Sun-Mon 12:50-4:05-7:25-10:30 Tue 12:50-4:05-7:25-10:35 Wed-Thu 12:50-4:05-7:25-10:30
The Hobbit: An Unexpected Journey 3D (PG) No Passes Thu 10
Killing Them Softly (18A) Fri-Sat 12:45-3:15-5:45-8:20-11 Sun-Mon 12:30-2:55-5:20-7:50-10:25 Tue 12:45-3:15-5:45-8:20-11 Wed-Thu 12:30-2:55-5:20-7:50-10:25
Life of Pi 3D (PG) Fri-Sat 1:30-4:40-7:45-10:55 Sun-Mon 1-4-7:10-10:10 Tue 1:30-4:40-7:45-10:55 Wed-Thu 1-4-7:10-10:10
The Metropolitan Opera: Un Ballo in Maschera Live (STC) Sat 12:55
Playing for Keeps (PG) Fri 2:20-5:10-8-10:50 Sat 11:50-2:20-5:10-8-10:50 Sun-Mon 1:35-4:25-7:20-10:15 Tue 2:20-5:10-8-10:50 Wed-Thu 1:35-4:25-7:20-10:15
Red Dawn (PG) Fri-Sat 12:40-3:10-5:40-8:10-10:40 Sun-Mon 12:35-3-5:25-7:55-10:20 Tue 12:40-3:10-5:40-8:10-10:40 Wed 12:35-3-5:25-7:55-10:20 Thu 12:30-2:50-5:10-10:20
Rise of the Guardians (G) Fri-Sat 12:30 Sun-Mon 1:50 Tue 12:30 Wed 1:50 Thu 2
Rise of the Guardians 3D (G) Fri-Sat 3:10-5:45-8:20-10:45 Sun-Mon 4:30-7:05-9:40 Tue 3:10-5:45-8:20-10:45 Wed 4:30-7:05-9:40 Thu 5-7:30
Royal Opera House: The Nutcracker (STC) Thu 7:30
Silver Linings Playbook (14A) Fri-Sat 1:20-4:20-7:10-10:15 Sun-Mon 12:40-3:45-6:50-10 Tue 1:20-4:20-7:10-10:15 Wed-Thu 12:40-3:45-6:50-10
Skyfall (PG) Fri 12:30-3:40-7-10:20 Sat 7-10:20 Sun-Mon 3:10-6:30-9:55 Tue 12:30-3:40-7-10:20 Wed 3:10-6:30-9:55 Thu 3:10-6:30 Fri-Sat 1-4:10-7:40-11 Sun-Mon 12:30-3:40-7-10:30 Tue 1-4:10-7:40-11 Wed-Thu 12:30-3:40-7-10:30
The Twilight Saga: Breaking Dawn Part 2 (PG) Fri 1:40-4:30-7:20-10:15 Sat 11:30-2:20-5:10-8-10:50 Sun-Mon 2:10-4:50-7:30-10:20 Tue 1:40-4:30-7:20-10:15 Wed 2:10-4:50-7:30-10:20 Thu 2:10-4:50-7:30-10:25
Wreck-It Ralph (PG) Fri-Thu 2:15
Wreck-It Ralph 3D (PG) Fri 4:50-7:25-10 Sat 11-4:50-7:25-10 Sun-Thu 4:50-7:25-10

Eglinton Town Centre
1901 Eglinton Ave. E., 416-752-4494

Argo (14A) Fri 1:20-4:15-7:05-10 Sat 1:20-7:05-10 Sun 1:20-4:15-7:05-10 Mon-Thu 4:20-7:10-10 Star & Strollers Screening Thu 1
Back to 1942 (14A) Fri-Sun 12:15-3:30-6:50-10:10 Mon-Thu 3:45-7-10:15
A Christmas Story (STC) Sat 11
Flight (18A) Fri 12:50-4-7:10-10:20 Sat-Sun 4-7:10-10:20 Mon-Thu 3:35-6:50-10:05
The Hobbit: An Unexpected Journey 3D (PG) No Passes Thu 10
Jab Tak Hai Jaan (PG) Fri-Sun 2:55-6:45-10:35 Mon 5-9 Tue 3-6:45-10:35 Wed-Thu 5-9
Khiladi 786 (STC) Fri-Sun 12:35-3:45-7:05-10:25 Mon 3:50-7-10:15 Tue 3:45-7-10:20 Wed-Thu 3:50-7-10:15
Killing Them Softly (18A) Fri 12:15-2:40-5:10-7:50-10:25 Sat 2:40-5:10-7:50-10:25 Sun 12:15-2:40-5:10-7:50-10:25 Mon 5:30-7:55-10:25 Tue 5:30-7:55-10:30 Wed-Thu 5:30-7:55-10:25
Life of Pi 3D (PG) Fri 1:50-4:40-7:40-10:35 Sat 11:05-1:50-4:40-7:40-10:35 Sun 1:50-4:40-7:40-10:35 Mon 4:40-7:25-10:20 Tue 4:50-7:45-10:40 Wed 4:40-7:25-10:20 Thu 4:10-7
Lincoln (PG) Fri-Sun 12:30-3:50-7:15-10:40 Mon 3:30-6:55-10:20 Tue 3:30-7:05-10:30 Wed-Thu 3:30-6:55-10:20
The Metropolitan Opera: Un Ballo in Maschera Live (STC) Sat 12:55
Miracle on 34th Street (G) Sun 12:45 Wed 7
Playing for Keeps (PG) Fri 12-2:35-5:15-8-10:45 Sat 11:45-1:20-4:20-8-10:45 Sun 12-2:35-5:15-8-10:45 Mon 5:15-7:50-10:30 Tue 5:15-8-10:45 Wed-Thu 5:15-7:50-10:30 Star & Strollers Screening Thu 1
Red Dawn (PG) Fri-Sun 7-9:35 Mon 7:05-9:45 Tue 7:10-9:45 Wed 10:15 Thu 7:05-9:45
Rise of the Guardians (G) Fri 2-4:30 Sat 11:30-2-4:30 Sun 2-4:30 Mon-Thu 4:35
Rise of the Guardians 3D (G) Fri-Sun 12:20-2:45-5:20-7:50-10:20 Mon-Thu 5:15-7:45-10:10
Skyfall (PG) Fri-Sun 12:50-4:10-7:30-10:45 Mon 4-7:15-10:30 Tue 4-7:25-10:45 Wed-Thu 4-7:15-10:30 Fri 12:20-3:40-7-10:15 Sat 11:20-12:20-3:40-7-10:15 Sun 12:20-3:40-7-10:15 Mon 3:30-6:40-9:55 Tue 3:20-6:45-10 Wed-Thu 3:30-6:40-9:55
Talaash (PG) Fri-Sun 1:05-4:10-7:15-10:30 Mon 3:40-6:50-10 Tue 4-7:15-10:25 Wed-Thu 3:40-6:50-10
The Twilight Saga: Breaking Dawn Part 2 (PG) Fri 1:55-4:45-7:40-10:40 Sat 11:10-1:55-4:45-7:40-10:40 Sun 1:55-4:45-7:40-10:40 Mon 4:45-7:35-10:25 Tue 4:45-7:40-10:35 Wed-Thu 4:45-7:35-10:25
Wreck-It Ralph (PG) Fri-Sun 12
Wreck-It Ralph 3D (PG) Fri-Sun 2:35-5:15-7:55-10:30 Mon-Thu 4:30-7:15-9:55

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785 Milner Ave., 416-281-2226

Flight (18A) Fri-Sat 12:40-3:45-7:10-10:10 Sun 12:35-3:40-7:05-10:05 Mon 4:05-7:10-10:10 Tue 3:40-7:10-10:10 Wed-Thu 4:05-7:10-10:10
The Hobbit: An Unexpected Journey 3D (PG) No Passes Thu 10
Hotel Transylvania (PG) Fri-Sat 2:15 Sun 2:10
Hotel Transylvania 3D (PG) Fri-Sat 4:30 Sun 4:25 Mon 5:10 Tue 4:15 Wed-Thu 5:10
Killing Them Softly (18A) Fri-Sat 1-3:25-5:40-8:10-10:30 Sun 12:55-3:20-5:35-7:55-10:15 Mon 5:20-7:40-10:10 Tue 3:20-5:45-8:10-10:30 Wed-Thu 5:20-7:40-10:10
Life of Pi 3D (PG) Fri-Sat 1:40-4:40-7:35-10:30 Sun 1:35-4:35-7:25-10:15 Mon 4:25-7:15-10:05 Tue 4:30-7:35-10:30 Wed-Thu 4:25-7:15-10:05
The Man With the Iron Fists (18A) Fri-Sat 7:20-10 Sun 7:15-9:55 Mon 7:35-9:50 Tue 7:20-10 Wed 7:35-9:50 Thu 7:35
Playing for Keeps (PG) Fri-Sat 2:30-5-7:40-10:15 Sun 2:25-4:55-7:35-10:10 Mon 5-7:30-10 Tue 5-7:40-10:15 Wed-Thu 5-7:30-10
Red Dawn (PG) Fri-Sat 12:35-3-8:15-10:30 Sun 12:30-2:55-8:05-10:15 Mon 4:10-7:55-10:10 Tue 3-8:15-10:30 Wed-Thu 4:10-7:55-10:10
Rise of the Guardians (G) Fri-Sat 12:30 Sun 12:25
Rise of the Guardians 3D (G) Fri-Sat 2:45-5:05-7:25-9:50 Sun 2:40-5-7:20-9:45 Mon 4:35-7:25-9:45 Tue 4:45-7:25-9:50 Wed 4:35-7:25-9:45 Thu 4:35-7:20-9:45
Skyfall (PG) Fri-Sat 12:45-3:15-3:55-5:15-7-9:10-10:10 Sun 12:40-3:10-3:50-5:10-6:55-9:05-10:05 Mon 4-4:50-7-9:10-10:05 Tue 3:05-3:50-5:15-7-9:10-10:10 Wed-Thu 4-4:50-7-9:10-10:05
The Twilight Saga: Breaking Dawn Part 2 (PG) Fri-Sat 12:35-2-4:50-6:30-7:45-10:25 Sun 12:30-1:55-4:45-6:25-7:35-10:10 Mon 4:20-6:30-7:20-10 Tue 4-6:30-7:45-10:25 Wed-Thu 4:20-6:30-7:20-10
Wreck-It Ralph (PG) Fri-Sat 12:30 Sun 12:25
Wreck-It Ralph 3D (PG) Fri-Sat 3:10-5:30-7:55-10:15 Sun 3:05-5:25-7:50-10:10 Mon 4:15-6:45-9:20 Tue 3:10-5:30-7:55-10:15 Wed-Thu 4:15-6:45-9:20

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Jab Tak Hai Jaan (PG) Fri 4 Sat 3:30 Mon-Thu 4
Khiladi 786 (STC) Fri 3-6-9 Sat-Sun 12-3-6-9 Mon-Thu 3-6-9
Talaash (PG) Fri 3:30-7-10 Sat-Sun 12-7-10 Mon-Thu 3:30-7-10
Thuppakki (PG) Fri 7:30-10:30 Sat 1:15-4:15-7:30-10:30 Sun 4-7:30-10:30 Mon-Thu 7:30-10:30

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Argo (14A) Mon-Thu 1:15-6:15
Cloud Atlas (14A) Fri-Sun 6-9 Mon-Thu 12-3:15-8:15
Diary of a Wimpy Kid: Dog Days (G) Fri-Sun 12-3:40
Frankenweenie (PG) Fri-Sun 12-1:40-3:20
Here Comes the Boom (PG) Fri 5:15-7:10 Sat 5:15-7:10-9:15 Sun 5:15-7:10 Mon-Thu 7-9
Hotel Transylvania (PG) Fri-Sun 12-1:45-3:30-5:30-7:15 Mon-Thu 1:10-3-4:40-6:20
Ice Age: Continental Drift (PG) Fri-Sun 12-1:45-3:35
The Man With the Iron Fists (18A) Fri-Sun 7:20-9:20 Mon-Thu 1:10-4:40-6:40-8:30
Pitch Perfect (PG) Fri-Sun 1:45-5:20-9:10 Mon-Thu 3-5

Coliseum 10
309 Rathburn Rd., 905-275-3456

Argo (14A) Fri-Thu 12:55-3:40-6:30-9:20
A Christmas Story (STC) Sat 11
The Hobbit: An Unexpected Journey — An IMAX 3D Experience (PG) No Passes Thu 10
The Hobbit: An Unexpected Journey 3D (PG) No Passes Thu 10:15
Killing Them Softly (18A) Fri-Thu 12:30-2:50-5:15-7:40-10:05
Lincoln (PG) Fri-Thu 12:25-3:45-7:05-10:20
Looper (14A) Fri 1:50-4:35-7:15-9:55 Sat 11:05-1:50-4:35-7:15-9:55 Sun-Thu 1:50-4:35-7:15-9:55
The Metropolitan Opera: Un Ballo in Maschera Live (STC) Sat 12:55
Miracle on 34th Street (G) Sun 12:45 Wed 7
Playing for Keeps (PG) Fri 12:25-3-5:30-8-10:30 Sat 12-3-5:30-8-10:30 Sun-Tue 12:25-3-5:30-8-10:30 Wed 3:15-5:40-8-10:30 Thu 12:25-3-5:30-8-10:30 Star & Strollers Screening Wed 1
Red Dawn (PG) Fri 2:30-5-7:25-9:45 Sat 11:45-2:30-5-7:25-9:45 Sun 2:50-5-7:25-9:45 Mon-Tue 2:30-5-7:25-9:45 Wed 2:20-4:40-9:45 Thu 2:30-5-7:25-9:45
Rise of the Guardians (G) Fri 1:45-4:15 Sat 11:15-1:45-4:15 Sun-Thu 1:45-4:15
Rise of the Guardians 3D (G) Fri-Thu 12:45-3:10-5:30-7:50-10:10
Royal Opera House: The Nutcracker (STC) Thu 7:30
Skyfall (PG) Fri 1:30-2:45-4:50-6-8:10-9:10 Sat 1:30-4:50-6-8:10-9:10 Sun-Wed 1:30-2:45-4:50-6-8:10-9:10 Thu 1:30-2:45-4:50-6-9:10
Skyfall: The IMAX Experience (PG) Fri-Wed 12:40-3:50-7-10:15 Thu 12:40-3:50-6:50
Taken 2 (14A) Fri 2:10-4:25-6:45-9 Sat 12-2:10-4:25-6:45-9 Sun-Thu 2:10-4:25-6:45-9
The Twilight Saga: Breaking Dawn Part 2 (PG) Fri-Tue 2-4:40-6:40-7:30-9:30-10:25 Wed 4:40-6:40-7:30-9:30-10:25 Thu 2-4:40-6:40-9:30-10:25 Star & Strollers Screening Wed 1

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Argo (14A) Fri 1:55-4:40-7:20-10:05 Sat 11:15-1:55-4:40-7:25-10:05 Sun 11:15-1:55-4:40-7:25-10:10 Mon-Thu 1:55-4:40-7:20-10:05
Flight (18A) Fri 1:30-4:30-7:30-10:30 Sat 11:20-1:30-4:30-7:35-10:30 Sun 11:20-1:30-4:30-7:30-10:30 Mon-Thu 1:30-4:30-7:30-10:30
The Hobbit: An Unexpected Journey — An IMAX 3D Experience (PG) No Passes Thu 10
The Hobbit: An Unexpected Journey 3D (PG) No Passes Thu 10:15
Jab Tak Hai Jaan (PG) Fri 2:30-6:15-9:55 Sat 11-2:35-6:15-9:55 Sun 11-2:40-6:15-9:55 Mon-Thu 2:30-6:15-9:55
Khiladi 786 (STC) Fri 1:05-4:10-7:10-10:15 Sat-Sun 12:45-3:50-6:50-9:55 Mon-Thu 1:05-4:10-7:10-10:15
Killing Them Softly (18A) Fri 2:50-5:15-7:35-9:50 Sat 2:40-5:15-7:30-9:45 Sun-Thu 2:50-5:15-7:35-9:50
Life of Pi 3D (PG) Fri 1:15-4:05-6:55-9:45 Sat 11:05-1:50-4:35-7:20-10:10 Sun 11:05-1:50-4:35-7:20-10:05 Mon-Thu 1:15-4:05-6:55-9:45
Lincoln (PG) Fri 3:05-6:20-9:35 Sat-Sun 11:50-3:05-6:20-9:35 Mon-Thu 3:05-6:20-9:35
Playing for Keeps (PG) Fri 2:35-5:10-7:45-10:25 Sat 12:30-2:50-5:25-8-10:30 Sun-Thu 2:35-5:10-7:45-10:25
Red Dawn (PG) Fri 1:10-3:20-5:35-7:50-10 Sat-Sun 11:05-1:10-3:20-5:35-7:50-10 Mon-Thu 1:10-3:20-5:35-7:50-10

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Rise of the Guardians (G) Fri 1:05 Sat-Sun 11:15 Mon-Thu 1:05
Rise of the Guardians 3D (G) Fri 3:25-5:45-8-10:15 Sat-Sun 11-1:10-3:25-5:45-8-10:15 Mon-Thu 3:25-5:45-8-10:15
Skyfall (PG) Fri 3-6:30-9:45 Sat 12:35-3:40-6:45-9:50 Sun 11:30-11:55-3-6:30-9:45 Mon-Wed 3-6:30-9:45 Thu 3-6:05-9:30
Skyfall: The IMAX Experience (PG) Fri 1-4-7:05-10:30 Sat 1-4-7:05-10:25 Sun-Wed 1-4-7:05-10:30 Thu 1-4-7
Talaash (PG) Fri 1:25-4:15-7:15-10:10 Sat 12:15-3:10-6:05-9:15 Sun 2:30-5:20-8:20-9:30 Mon-Thu 1:25-4:15-7:15-10:10
The Twilight Saga: Breaking Dawn Part 2 (PG) Fri 1:30-2:20-4:20-5-7-7:40-9:40-10:20 Sat 11:10-1:45-2:20-4:20-5-7-7:40-9:40-10:20 Sun 11:10-11:25-1:45-2:20-4:20-5-7-7:40-9:40-10:20 Mon-Wed 1:30-2:20-4:20-5-7-7:40-9:40-10:20 Thu 1:30-2-4:20-4:40-7-7:20-9:40
Wreck-It Ralph (PG) Fri 1:35 Sat-Sun 11:35 Mon-Thu 1:35
Wreck-It Ralph 3D (PG) Fri 4:05-6:35-9:05 Sat 2-4:25-6:55-9:30 Sun 2-4:25-6:55 Mon-Thu 4:05-6:35-9:05

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20 Biscayne Cr., 905-455-1590

Flight (18A) Fri 3:30-6:40-9:55 Sat-Sun 12:20-3:30-6:40-9:55 Mon 6:40-9:55 Tue 3:30-6:40-9:55 Wed-Thu 6:40-9:55
The Hobbit: An Unexpected Journey 3D (PG) No Passes Thu 10
Killing Them Softly (18A) Fri 5:15-7:45-10:15 Sat-Sun 12:15-2:45-5:15-7:45-10:15 Mon 7:30-10 Tue 5:15-7:45-10:15 Wed-Thu 7:30-10
Life of Pi (PG) Thu 9:50
Life of Pi 3D (PG) Fri 3:50-6:50-10:05 Sat-Sun 12:45-3:50-6:50-10:05 Mon 6:50-9:50 Tue 3:50-6:50-10:05 Wed 6:50-9:50 Thu 6:50
Playing for Keeps (PG) Fri 4:30-7:20-10 Sat-Sun 1:40-4:30-7:20-10 Mon 7:20-10 Tue 4:30-7:20-10 Wed-Thu 7:20-10 Star & Strollers Screening Wed 1
Red Dawn (PG) Fri 5:20-8-10:25 Sat-Sun 12:25-2:50-5:20-8-10:25 Mon 7:10-9:40 Tue 5:20-8-10:25 Wed 7:10-9:40 Thu 7:10
Rise of the Guardians (G) Sat-Sun 12:10
Rise of the Guardians 3D (G) Fri 5:10-7:40-10:10 Sat-Sun 2:40-5:10-7:40-10:10 Mon 7:40-10:10 Tue 5:10-7:40-10:10 Wed-Thu 7:40-10:10
Skyfall (PG) Fri 3-3:45-7-9:40-10:30 Sat-Sun 12:30-3-3:45-7-9:40-10:30 Mon 7-9:30-10:15 Tue 3-3:45-7-9:40-10:30 Wed-Thu 7-9:30-10:15
The Twilight Saga: Breaking Dawn Part 2 (PG) Fri 4:40-6:45-7:30-10:20 Sat-Sun 12-1:50-4:40-6:45-7:30-10:20 Mon 6:45-7:15-10:05 Tue 4:40-6:45-7:30-10:20 Wed-Thu 6:45-7:15-10:05 Star & Strollers Screening Wed 1
Wreck-It Ralph (PG) Sat-Sun 1
Wreck-It Ralph 3D (PG) Fri-Sun 4-7:10-9:50 Mon 7:05-9:45 Tue 4-7:10-9:50 Wed-Thu 7:05-9:45

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A Christmas Story (STC) Sat 11
Flight (18A) Fri 3:50-7:15-10:35 Sat 12:40-3:50-7:15-10:35 Sun 12:10-3:20-6:55-10:15 Mon-Thu 3:40-6:55-10:15
The Hobbit: An Unexpected Journey (PG) No Passes Thu 10:30
The Hobbit: An Unexpected Journey 3D (PG) No Passes Thu 10
Jab Tak Hai Jaan (PG) Fri 4:40-8:30 Sat 11:10-2:50-6:35-10:25 Sun 1:40-5:30-9:25 Mon-Thu 5:15-9:30
Khiladi 786 (STC) Fri 3:45-7:05-10:25 Sat 11:40-3-6:20-9:40 Sun 2:15-5:45-9 Mon-Thu 5:30-9
Killing Them Softly (18A) Fri 5:40-8:20-10:55 Sat 12:45-3:15-5:50-8:20-10:55 Sun 1:50-4:40-7:30-10:10 Mon-Thu 4:40-7:30-10:10
Life of Pi 3D (PG) Fri 4:20-7:35-10:40 Sat 1:15-4:20-7:35-10:40 Sun 1:10-4:10-7:15-10:15 Mon-Thu 4:10-7:15-10:15
The Metropolitan Opera: Un Ballo in Maschera Live (STC) Sat 12:55
Playing for Keeps (PG) Fri 5:15-7:50-10:30 Sat 12:05-2:40-5:15-7:50-10:30 Sun 1:30-4:30-7:20-10 Mon-Wed 4:30-7:20-10 Thu 4:30-7:10-9:50
Red Dawn (PG) Fri 5:30-8:10-10:45 Sat 12:30-3:05-5:30-8:10-10:45 Sun 12:20-2:50-5:10-7:50-10:20 Mon-Wed 5:10-7:50-10:20 Thu 5:10-7:50
Rise of the Guardians (G) Sat 11:50 Sun 12:05
Rise of the Guardians 3D (G) Fri 5-7:45-10:15 Sat 2:30-5-7:45-10:15 Sun 2:30-5-7:35-10:05 Mon-Thu 5-7:35-10:05
Silver Linings Playbook (14A) Fri 4-7:10-10:20 Sat 1-4-7:10-10:20 Sun 1:20-4:20-7:25-10:25 Mon-Thu 4:20-7:25-10:25
Skyfall (PG) Fri 3:40-7-10:30 Sat 12:20-3:40-7-10:30 Sun 12-3:15-6:30-9:45 Mon-Thu 5:45-9:15 Fri 4:10-7:30-11 Sat 12:50-4:10-7:30-11 Sun 12:30-3:50-7:10-10:30 Mon-Wed 3:50-7:10-10:30 Thu 3:30-6:45
Son of Sardar (PG) Fri 3:35-6:50-10 Sat 12:15-3:30-6:50-10 Sun 12:15-3:35-6:50-10 Mon-Thu 3:35-6:50-10
Talaash (PG) Fri 3:30-6:45-10:05 Sat 12:3:20-6:45-10:05 Sun 12:40-3:45-7-10:10 Mon-Thu 3:45-7-10:10
The Twilight Saga: Breaking Dawn Part 2 (PG) Fri 4:30-5:10-7:20-8-10:10-10:50 Sat 11:30-2:20-5:10-7:20-8-10:10-10:50 Sun 1-2-4-4:50-7:05-7:40-9:55-10:25 Mon-Wed 4-4:50-7:05-7:40-9:55-10:25 Thu 4-4:50-7:05-7:40-9:55-10:20
Wreck-It Ralph (PG) Sat 11:15 Sun 12:50
Wreck-It Ralph 3D (PG) Fri 4:50-7:40-10:15 Sat 1:50-4:30-7:05-9:50 Sun 3:30-6:40-9:15 Mon-Thu 3:30-6:30-9:10

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Anna Karenina (14A) Fri 4:20-7:20-10:20 Sat 1:15-4:20-7:20-10:20 Sun 1:05-4:05-7:05-10:05 Mon-Thu 4-7-9:55
Here Comes the Boom (PG) Fri 6:50 Sat 12:30-6:50 Sun 12:35-6:30 Mon-Thu 7
Hotel Transylvania (PG) Sat 12:45 Sun 12:05
Hotel Transylvania 3D (PG) Fri 5:30-7:50-10:10 Sat 3:10-5:30-7:50-10:10 Sun 2:40-5:05-7:35-10 Mon-Thu 4:10-6:40-9:30
Life of Pi (PG) Fri 3:45-6:35-9:30 Sat 6:35-9:30 Sun 12:35-3:30-6:30-9:25 Mon 4-6:50-9:45 Tue 8 Wed 4-6:50-9:45 Thu 4:20-9:45
Life of Pi 3D (PG) Fri 4:30-7:35-10:30 Sat 1:30-4:30-7:35-10:30 Sun 1:30-4:30-7:20-10:15 Mon-Thu 4:15-7:10-10
The Metropolitan Opera: Un Ballo in Maschera Live (STC) Sat 12:55
Pitch Perfect (PG) Fri 4:10-7:9:40 Sat-Sun 1-3:45-7-9:40 Mon-Thu 4:40-7:25-9:55
Playing for Keeps (PG) Fri 5-7:45-10:25 Sat 11:45-2:25-5-7:45-10:25 Sun 1:20-4:35-7:25-10:05 Mon-Thu 4:30-7:05-9:50
Rise of the Guardians (G) Fri 4:40-7:15-9:45 Sat 11:45-2:15-4:45-7:15-9:45 Sun 11:50-2:15-4:45-7:15-9:45 Mon-Wed 4:50-7:15-9:40 Thu 7:15-9:40
Rise of the Guardians 3D (G) Fri 5:20-7:55-10:20 Sat 12:15-2:50-5:25-7:55-10:20 Sun 12:15-2:50-5:15-7:45-10:10 Mon-Thu 5:10-7:35-10
Seven Psychopaths (18A) Fri 4-10 Sat 3:25-10 Sun 3:25-9:30 Mon-Thu 4:25-9:40
Wreck-It Ralph (PG) Sat 11:50 Sun 11:45
Wreck-It Ralph 3D (PG) Fri 5:10-7:50-10:30 Sat 2:30-5:10-7:50-10:30 Sun 2:20-5-7:40-10:15 Mon-Thu 4:10-6:45-9:25

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24/7 in Love (PG) Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Fri-Sun 1:40-4:30-7:15-10 Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Mon-Thu 4:30-7:15-10
Flight (18A) Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Fri-Sun 12:50-3:45-6:45-9:40 Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Mon-Thu 3:45-6:45-9:40
Jab Tak Hai Jaan (PG) Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Fri-Sun 1-4:50-8:40 Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Mon-Thu 4:50-8:40
Khiladi 786 (STC) Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Fri-Sun 2:40-6-9:30 Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Mon-Thu 6-9:30
Life of Pi (PG) Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Fri-Sun 1:20-4:15-7-9:45 Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Mon-Thu 4:15-7-9:45
Life of Pi 3D (PG) Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Fri-Sun 1:10-3:50-6:40-9:50 Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Mon-Thu 3:50-6:40-9:50
Talaash (PG) Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Fri-Sun 2-5:20-8:50 Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Mon-Thu 5:20-8:50
Thuppakki (PG) Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Fri-Sun 2:10-5:30-9 Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Mon-Thu 5:30-9
Wreck-It Ralph (PG) Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Fri-Sun 1:15-4-7:10-9:35 Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Mon-Thu 4-7:10-9:35
Wreck-It Ralph 3D (PG) Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Fri-Sun 1:30-4:10-6:50-9:20 Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Mon-Thu 4:10-6:50-9:20

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Argo (14A) Thu 7:40
Flight (18A) Fri 9:25 Thu 9:15
The Hobbit: An Unexpected Journey (PG) Thu 10
Killing Them Softly (18A) Fri 9:45 Thu 9:45
No Films Showing Today (STC) Sat-Wed
Playing for Keeps (PG) Fri 7:50 Thu 7:50
Rise of the Guardians (G) Fri 7:40 Thu 7:30
Skyfall (PG) Fri 9:35
The Twilight Saga: Breaking Dawn Part 2 (PG) Fri 7:30

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Argo (14A) Fri 3:55-6:45-9:35 Sat-Sun 12:45-3:55-6:45-9:35 Mon 7:10-9:55 Tue 3:55-6:45-9:35 Wed 7:10-9:55 Thu 7:05
Flight (18A) Fri 3:45-6:50-9:55 Sat-Sun 12:30-3:45-6:50-9:55 Mon 7-10:05 Tue 3:45-6:50-9:55 Wed-Thu 7-10:05
The Hobbit: An Unexpected Journey 3D (PG) No Passes Thu 10
Killing Them Softly (18A) Fri 5:15-7:40-10:05 Sat-Sun 12:25-2:45-5:15-7:40-10:05 Mon 7:10-9:40 Tue 5:15-7:40-10:05 Wed-Thu 7:10-9:40
Life of Pi 3D (PG) Fri 4-6:55-9:50 Sat-Sun 1-4-6:55-9:50 Mon 7:05-10 Tue 4-6:55-9:50 Wed 7:05-10 Thu 7:10-9:55
The Metropolitan Opera: Un Ballo in Maschera Live (STC) Sat 12:55
Playing for Keeps (PG) Fri 4:45-7:20-10 Sat-Sun 2:10-4:45-7:20-10 Mon 7:20-10 Tue 4:45-7:20-10 Wed-Thu 7:20-10 Star & Strollers Screening Thu 1

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Rise of the Guardians (G) Sat-Sun 12:20
Rise of the Guardians 3D (G) Fri 4:50-7:25-9:45 Sat-Sun 2:50-4:50-7:25-9:45 Mon 7:25-9:45 Tue 4:50-7:25-9:45 Wed-Thu 7:25-9:45
Skyfall (PG) Fri 3:50-5-7-8:30-10:10 Sat 12:15-3:50-7-8:30-10:10 Sun 12:15-1:15-3:50-5-7-8:30-10:10 Mon 7-8:30-10:10 Tue 3:50-5-7-8:30-10:10 Wed-Thu 7-8:30-10:10 Star & Strollers Screening Thu 1
The Twilight Saga: Breaking Dawn Part 2 (PG) Fri 4:40-7:30-10:15 Sat-Sun 1:45-4:40-7:30-10:15 Mon 7:15-10:10 Tue 4:40-7:30-10:15 Wed-Thu 7:15-10:10
Wreck-It Ralph (PG) Sat-Sun 1:30
Wreck-It Ralph 3D (PG) Fri-Sun 4:15-7:05-9:40 Mon 7:15-9:50 Tue 4:15-7:05-9:40 Wed-Thu 7:15-9:50

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3555 Hwy 7 West, 905-851-1001

Argo (14A) Fri-Sun 1:30-4:40-7:40-10:35 Mon-Thu 3:40-6:40-9:40
A Christmas Story (STC) Sat 11
Flight (18A) Fri 12:40-3:45-6:50-10:05 Sat 12:20-3:45-6:50-10:05 Sun 12:40-3:45-6:50-10:05 Mon-Wed 3:45-6:50-10:05 Thu 4:35-7:45-10:55
Here Comes the Boom (PG) Fri-Sun 2-4:35-7:10-9:50 Mon-Wed 4:35-7:10-9:50 Thu 3:35-10:05
The Hobbit: An Unexpected Journey — An IMAX 3D Experience (PG) No Passes Thu 10:15
The Hobbit: An Unexpected Journey 3D (PG) No Passes Thu 10
Hotel Transylvania (PG) Fri 12:35-2:45-5:05 Sat 12:10-2:45-5:05 Sun 12:35-2:45-5:05 Mon-Wed 5:05 Thu 3:35
Killing Them Softly (18A) Fri-Sun 12:45-3:15-5:45-8:15-10:45 Mon-Thu 5:20-7:40-10
Life of Pi 3D (PG) Fri-Sun 1-4-7:15-10:20 Mon-Thu 4-7:15-10:20
Looper (14A) Fri-Sun 10:30 Mon-Wed 9:25 Thu 9:05
The Metropolitan Opera: Un Ballo in Maschera Live (STC) Sat 12:55
Paranormal Activity 4 (14A) Fri-Thu 9
Pitch Perfect (PG) Fri-Wed 7:25-10 Thu 6-8:20
Playing for Keeps (PG) Fri 2:40-5:15-7:50-10:30 Sat 12-2:40-5:15-7:50-10:30 Sun 2:40-5:15-7:50-10:30 Mon-Wed 5:15-7:50-10:25 Thu 5:15-7:50-10:40
Red Dawn (PG) Fri-Sun 12:50-3:10-5:35-8:10-10:40 Mon-Wed 4:45-7:05-9:35 Thu 3:55-6:20-8:50
Rise of the Guardians (G) Fri 12:55-3:30-6 Sat 11:30-12:55-3:30-6 Sun 12:55-3:30-6 Mon-Thu 3:30-6
Rise of the Guardians 3D (G) Fri 1:35-4:10-6:55-9:30 Sat 11:10-1:35-4:10-6:55-9:30 Sun 1:35-4:10-6:55-9:30 Mon-Thu 4:10-6:55-9:30
Royal Opera House: The Nutcracker (STC) Thu 7:30
Silver Linings Playbook (14A) Fri-Sun 1:20-4:15-7:25-10:25 Mon-Thu 4:15-7:25-10:25
Skyfall (PG) Fri 3:20-6:30-9:45 Sat 6:30-9:45 Sun 3:20-6:30-9:45 Mon-Wed 3:30-6:30-9:45 Thu 4:20-7:30-10:45
Fri-Sun 1:10-4:20-7:30-10:45 Mon-Wed 4:20-7:30-10:30 Thu 3:30-6:30
Skyfall: The IMAX Experience (PG) Fri-Sun 12:40-3:50-7-10:15 Mon-Wed 3:50-7-10:15 Thu 3:50-7
Taken 2 (14A) Fri-Sun 2:10-4:50-7:35-9:55 Mon-Thu 4:50-7:35-9:55
The Twilight Saga: Breaking Dawn Part 2 (PG) Fri 1:40-2:20-4:30-5:10-7:20-8-10:10-10:40 Sat 11:05-11:40-1:40-2:20-4:30-5:10-7:20-8-10:10-10:40 Sun 1:40-2:20-4:30-5:10-7:20-8-10:10-10:40 Mon-Wed 4:30-5:10-7:20-8-10:10-10:30 Thu 3:45-4:30-7:20-10:10
Wreck-It Ralph (PG) Fri 12:30-3-5:30-8:05 Sat 11:15-12:30-3-5:30-8:05 Sun 12:30-3-5:30-8:05 Mon-Thu 4:05-6:25
Wreck-It Ralph 3D (PG) Fri 2:15-5-7:45-10:20 Sat 11:50-2:15-5-7:45-10:20 Sun 2:15-5-7:45-10:20 Mon-Thu 5-7:45-10:15

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10909 Yonge St., 905-770-6998

Argo (14A) Fri 6:35-9:15 Sat-Sun 12:50-3:50-6:35-9:15 Mon-Thu 5:40-8:40
Flight (18A) Fri 6:50-9:40 Sat-Sun 12:20-3:20-6:50-9:40 Mon-Wed 5:25-8:25 Thu 5:25
Here Comes the Boom (PG) Fri 7:15-9:50 Sat-Sun 12:55-3:55-7:15-9:50 Mon-Thu 5:05-8:05
The Hobbit: An Unexpected Journey 3D (PG) Thu 10
Killing Them Softly (18A) Mon-Thu 5:10-8:10
Life of Pi (PG) Sat-Sun 12:35 Mon-Wed 5:45
Life of Pi 3D (PG) Fri 6:40-9:25 Sat-Sun 3:35-6:40-9:25 Mon-Wed 8:45 Thu 5:45-8:45
Playing for Keeps (PG) Fri 7:10-9:55 Sat-Sun 1-4-7:10-9:55 Mon-Thu 5:35-8:35
Rise of the Guardians (G) Fri 9:35 Sat-Sun 12:25-9:35 Mon-Thu 8
Rise of the Guardians 3D (G) Fri 7:05 Sat-Sun 3:40-7:05 Mon-Thu 8:15
Skyfall (PG) Fri 6:30-9:30 Sat-Sun 12:15-3:15-6:30-9:30 Mon-Thu 5:20-8:20
The Twilight Saga: Breaking Dawn Part 2 (PG) Fri 6:45-9:45 Sat-Sun 12:30-3:30-6:45-9:45 Mon-Thu 5:30-8:30
Wreck-It Ralph (PG) Fri 6:55 Sat-Sun 3:25-6:55 Mon-Thu 5
Wreck-It Ralph 3D (PG) Fri 9:20 Sat-Sun 12:40-9:20 Mon-Thu 5:15

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Back to 1942 (14A) Fri 3:20-6:40-10 Sat-Sun 12-3:20-6:40-10 Mon-Thu 6:40-10
Flight (18A) Fri 6:45 Sat 12:45-6:45 Sun 1-6:45 Mon-Thu 6:45
The Hobbit: An Unexpected Journey 3D (PG) No Passes Thu 10
Killing Them Softly (18A) Fri 5:15-7:45-10:15 Sat-Sun 12:15-2:45-5:15-7:45-10:15 Mon-Thu 7:25-9:55
Life of Pi 3D (PG) Fri 4-7:05-10:10 Sat-Sun 1-4-7:05-10:10 Mon-Thu 7:05-10:10
The Metropolitan Opera: Un Ballo in Maschera Live (STC) Sat 12:55
Playing for Keeps (PG) Fri 4:45-7:20-10 Sat-Sun 2:10-4:45-7:20-10 Mon-Thu 7:20-10
Red Dawn (PG) Fri 4:15-10:05 Sat 4-10:05 Sun 4:15-10:05 Mon-Thu 10:05
Rise of the Guardians (G) Sat-Sun 1:55
Rise of the Guardians 3D (G) Fri-Sun 4:35-7:15-9:45 Mon-Thu 7:15-9:45
Skyfall (PG) Fri 3:10-3:40-6:30-7-9:50-10:20 Sat 12:20-3:40-6:30-7-9:50-10:20 Sun 12-12:20-3:10-3:40-6:30-7-9:50-10:20 Mon-Wed 6:30-8-9:50 Thu 6:30-7-10:20
The Twilight Saga: Breaking Dawn Part 2 (PG) Fri 4-6:50-9:40 Sat-Sun 1:10-4-6:50-9:40 Mon-Thu 6:50-9:40
Wreck-It Ralph (PG) Sat-Sun 1:45
Wreck-It Ralph 3D (PG) Fri-Sun 4:40-7:30-10:15 Mon-Thu 7-9:45

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Arbitrage (14A) Fri 7:15 Sat-Sun 2:05-7:15 Mon-Thu 5:05
Cloud Atlas (14A) Fri 6:10-9:40 Sat 11:10-2:40-6:10-9:40 Sun 11:10-4-7:35 Mon-Thu 7
Hitchcock (PG) Fri 5:05-7:25-9:45 Sat 12:20-2:45-5:05-7:25-9:45 Sun 12:20-2:45-5:05-7:25 Mon-Thu 5:05-7:25
Jab Tak Hai Jaan (PG) Fri 6:15-9:30 Sat 11-2:30-6:15-10 Sun 11-2:30-6:15 Mon-Thu 6:15
Khiladi 786 (STC) Fri 6-9 Sat 11:45-3-6-9 Sun 2-5-8 Mon-Thu 4:40-7:40
Lincoln (PG) Fri 7-10 Sat 12:30-3:45-7-10 Sun 12:30-4:15-7:45 Mon-Thu 4:30-7:45
Fri 6-9:15 Sat 11:30-2:45-6-9:15 Sun 11:30-2:45-7 Mon-Thu 7
The Man With the Iron Fists (18A) Fri 5-7:30-9:55 Sat 11:15-1:45-4:15-7-9:30 Sun 11:15-1:45-4:30-7:50 Mon-Thu 5:45-8
Podaa Podi (PG) Fri 4:30-7:10-9:55 Sat 11:20-1:55-4:30-7:10-9:55 Sun 11:20-1:55-4:30-7:10 Mon-Thu 4:45-7:20
The Sessions (14A) Fri 5-7:30-9:50 Sat 12:10-2:25-5-7:30-9:50 Sun 12:10-2:25-5-7:30 Mon-Thu 5:30-7:55
Sinister (14A) Fri 4:45-9:45 Sat 11:10-4:45-9:45 Sun 11:10-4:45 Mon-Thu 7:35
Son of Sardar (PG) Fri 6:30-9:45 Sat 11:50-3:15-6:30-9:45 Sun 11:50-3:15-6:30 Mon-Thu 7:45
Talaash (PG) Fri 6:30-9:30 Sat 12:15-3:30-6:30-9:30 Sun 12:15-3:30-6:45 Mon-Thu 4:35-7:30
Thuppakki (PG) Fri 5:30-9:20 Sat 1:30-5:30-9:20 Sun 12-3:45-7:30 Mon-Thu 6:10

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Flight (18A) Fri-Wed 4:05-9:40 Thu 4:05
The Hobbit: An Unexpected Journey (PG) Thu 10
Life of Pi (PG) Fri-Thu 1:25-4:20-6:55-9:30
Playing for Keeps (PG) Fri-Thu 1:05-3:50-6:50-9:20
Rise of the Guardians (G) Fri-Thu 1:20-4:25-7:20-9:25
Skyfall (PG) Fri-Sun 1-4-7-9:45 Mon 4-7-9:45 Tue-Thu 1-4-7-9:45
The Twilight Saga: Breaking Dawn Part 2 (PG) Fri-Thu 1:15-7:15
Wreck-It Ralph (PG) Fri-Thu 1:10-4:10-7:05-9:15

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18151 Yonge St., 905-953-2792

A Christmas Story (STC) Sat 11
Flight (18A) Fri 3:30-6:50-9:55 Sat-Sun 12:35-3:30-6:50-9:55 Mon-Thu 3:30-6:50-9:55
The Hobbit: An Unexpected Journey 3D (PG) No Passes Thu 10
Killing Them Softly (18A) Fri 5:45-8:15-10:45 Sat-Sun 12:45-3:15-5:45-8:15-10:45 Mon-Thu 5:45-8:15-10:45
Life of Pi 3D (PG) Fri 4:30-7:35-10:40 Sat-Sun 1:30-4:30-7:35-10:40 Mon-Thu 4:30-7:35-10:40
Lincoln (PG) Fri 3:25-6:40-10:15 Sat-Sun 11:30-3-6:40-10:15 Mon-Tue 3:25-6:40-10:15 Wed-Thu 3:15-6:40-10:15
The Metropolitan Opera: Un Ballo in Maschera Live (STC) Sat 12:55
Miracle on 34th Street (G) Sun 12:45 Wed 7
Playing for Keeps (PG) Fri 5:15-7:50-10:30 Sat-Sun 12:05-2:40-5:15-7:50-10:30 Mon-Thu 5:15-7:50-10:30 Star & Strollers Screening Wed 1
Red Dawn (PG) Fri 4:40-7:15-10:05 Sat-Sun 1:40-4:40-7:15-10:05 Mon-Wed 4:40-7:15-10:05 Thu 3:20-5:40-8
Rise of the Guardians (G) Sat-Sun 12
Rise of the Guardians 3D (G) Fri 5:10-7:45-10:25 Sat-Sun 2:40-5:10-7:45-10:25 Mon-Thu 5:10-7:45-10:25
Royal Opera House: The Nutcracker (STC) Thu 7:30
Silver Linings Playbook (14A) Fri 4:20-7:30-10:30 Sat 1:30-4:20-7:30-10:30 Sun 1:10-4:20-7:30-10:30 Mon-Tue 4:20-7:30-10:30 Wed-Thu 4:20-7:10-10:30 Star & Strollers Screening Wed 1
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The Twilight Saga: Breaking Dawn Part 2 (PG) Fri 4:10-5:10-7:10-8-10:10-10:50 Sat 2:20-5:10-7:10-8-10:10-10:50 Sun 11:35-2:20-4:10-5:10-7:10-8-10:10-10:50 Mon-Tue 4:10-5:10-7:10-8-10:10-10:50 Wed-Thu 4:10-5:10-8-10:10-10:50
Wreck-It Ralph (PG) Sat-Sun 12
Wreck-It Ralph 3D (PG) Fri 5:30-8:10-10:40 Sat-Sun 2:50-5:30-8:10-10:40 Mon-Thu 5:30-8:10-10:40

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Argo (14A) Fri 3:50-6:40-9:35 Sat 12:50-3:50-6:40-9:35 Sun 12:40-3:35-6:25-9:20 Mon-Wed 3:35-6:30-9:25 Thu 3:40-6:30-9:25
Back to 1942 (14A) Fri 4-7:15-10:35 Sat 12:20-4-7:15-10:35 Sun 12:30-3:45-7-10:20 Mon-Thu 3:30-6:45-10:05
A Christmas Story (STC) Sat 11
Flight (18A) Fri 4:10-7:20-10:25 Sat 1-4:10-7:20-10:25 Sun 12:45-3:55-7:05-10:10 Mon-Thu 3:40-6:50-9:55
The Hobbit: An Unexpected Journey 3D (PG) No Passes Thu 10
Killing Them Softly (18A) Fri 3:25-5:50-8:15-10:45 Sat 1:05-3:25-6:05-8:30-11 Sun 12:45-3:10-5:35-8-10:30 Mon-Thu 3:55-7:45-10:15
Life of Pi 3D (PG) Fri 4:30-7:40-10:40 Sat 11-1:55-4:50-7:45-10:45 Sun 1:40-4:35-7:30-10:30 Mon-Tue 4:20-7:15-10:15 Wed 4:20-7:15-10:10 Thu 10:30 Thu 3:40-6:35
Lincoln (PG) Fri 3:30-6:50-10:10 Sat 12:05-3:40-6:50-10:10 Sun 12:10-3:15-6:35-9:55 Mon-Thu 4:10-6:20-9:40 Star & Strollers Screening Thu 1
The Metropolitan Opera: Un Ballo in Maschera Live (STC) Sat 12:55
Miracle on 34th Street (G) Sun 12:45 Wed 7
Playing for Keeps (PG) Fri 5:25-8-10:50 Sat 2:40-5:20-8-10:50 Sun 12-2:35-5:10-7:45-10:35 Mon-Wed 4:55-7:30-10:05 Thu 2-4:55-7:30-10:05 Star & Strollers Screening Thu 1
Red Dawn (PG) Fri 6-8:25-10:55 Sat 8:25-10:55 Sun 12:55-3:20-5:45-8:10-10:40 Mon-Tue 5:30-7:55-10:25 Wed 5:30-7:55-10:20
Rise of the Guardians (G) Fri 3:35 Sat 11:20-11:50 Sun 12:20 Thu 1:35
Rise of the Guardians 3D (G) Fri 5:10-7:50-10:15 Sat 12:30-3-5:25-7:50-10:15 Sun 2:45-5:10-7:35-10 Mon-Wed 4:55-7:20-9:45 Thu 5-7:20-9:45
Silver Linings Playbook (14A) Fri 4:35-7:30-10:30 Sat 1:40-4:35-7:30-10:30 Sun 1:25-4:20-7:15-10:15 Mon-Wed 4:05-7-10 Thu 1:15-4:15-7:10-10:10
Skyfall (PG) Fri 3:40-4:15-7-7:35-10:35-11 Sat 12:40-4:20-7-7:35-10:30-11 Sun 12:35-3:30-4-6:50-7:20-10:15-10:45 Mon-Tue 3:45-5:15-7:05-8:30-10:30 Wed 3:45-5:15-8:30-9:35 Thu 1:45-3:45-5:15-7:05-8:30-10:30
The Twilight Saga: Breaking Dawn Part 2 (PG) Fri 5:15-8:10-10:55 Sat 11:35-2:30-5:15-8:10-10:55 Sun 2:15-5-7:55-10:40 Mon-Thu 4:45-7:40-10:25
Wreck-It Ralph (PG) Sat 11:10 Sun 1:35 Thu 1:25
Wreck-It Ralph 3D (PG) Fri 4:30-7:10-10 Sat 1:50-4:30-7:10-10 Sun 4:15-6:55-9:45 Mon-Wed 4-6:40-9:30 Thu 4:15-6:55-9:35

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A Christmas Story (STC) Sat 11
Flight (18A) Fri 7:10-10:20 Sat-Sun 12:45-3:50-7:10-10:20 Mon-Thu 7:15-10:25
The Hobbit: An Unexpected Journey 3D (PG) No Passes Thu 10
Killing Them Softly (18A) Fri 7:15-9:50 Sat-Sun 2-4:30-7:15-9:50 Mon-Thu 6:45-9:30
Life of Pi 3D (PG) Fri 7:20-10:25 Sat-Sun 1:15-4:15-7:20-10:25 Mon-Thu 6:55-9:55
Playing for Keeps (PG) Fri 8-10:35 Sat-Sun 12:05-2:40-5:15-8-10:35 Mon-Thu 7:40-10:20 Star & Strollers Screening Thu 1
Rise of the Guardians (G) Sat-Sun 12
Rise of the Guardians 3D (G) Fri 7:40-10:10 Sat-Sun 2:30-5:10-7:40-10:10 Mon-Thu 6:50-9:30
Skyfall (PG) Fri 7-10:15 Sat-Sun 12:30-3:40-7-10:15 Mon-Thu 7-10:15 Star & Strollers Screening Thu 1
The Twilight Saga: Breaking Dawn Part 2 (PG) Fri 7:45-10:30 Sat 11:30-2:15-5-7:45-10:30 Sun 11:40-2:20-5-7:45-10:30 Mon-Wed 7:45-10:30 Thu 12:50-7:45-10:30
Wreck-It Ralph (PG) Sat 11:30 Sun 11:50
Wreck-It Ralph 3D (PG) Fri 7:30-10:05 Sat-Sun 2:20-4:55-7:30-10:05 Mon-Wed 7:20-10 Thu 7:20

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A Christmas Story (STC) Sat 11
Flight (18A) Fri-Sun 4-7:15-10:20 Mon-Tue 7:15-10:20 Wed 10:20 Thu 7:10
The Hobbit: An Unexpected Journey 3D (PG) No Passes Thu 10
Killing Them Softly (18A) Fri 5:45-8:10-10:40 Sat 12:45-3:15-5:45-8:10-10:40 Sun 12:20-2:45-5:05-7:30-9:55 Mon-Wed 7:30-9:55 Thu 10:10

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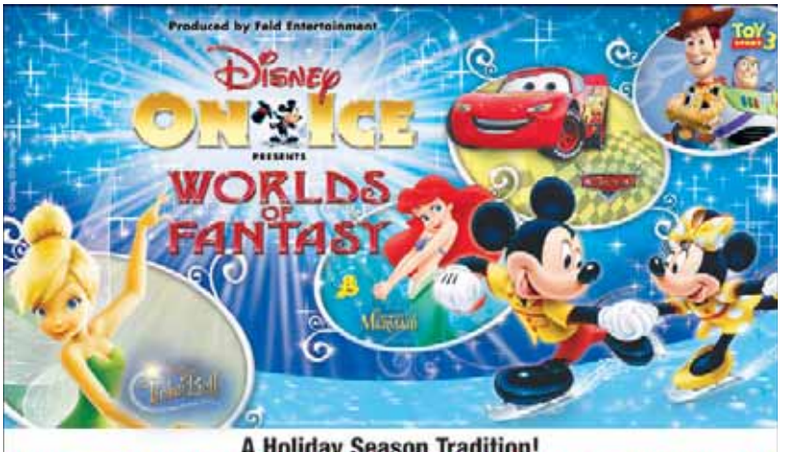

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Lincoln (PG) Fri 3:45-7:10-10:30 Sat 12:30-3:45-7:10-10:30 Sun 12:30-3:45-7:10-10:20 Mon-Tue 7:10-10:20 Wed 1:05-7:10-10:20 Thu 7:10-10:20
The Metropolitan Opera: Un Ballo in Maschera Live (STC) Sat 12:55
Miracle on 34th Street (G) Sun 12:45 Wed 7
Playing for Keeps (PG) Fri 5:20-7:50-10:30 Sat 12:05-2:45-5:20-7:50-10:30 Sun 1-3-5:30-8-10:30 Mon-Thu 7:35-10:15 Star & Strollers Screening Wed 1
Rise of the Guardians (G) Sat-Sun 12:10
Rise of the Guardians 3D (G) Fri 5:10-7:40-10:10 Sat 11:10-2:40-5:10-7:40-10:10 Sun 2:40-5:10-7:40-10:10 Mon-Wed 7:40-10:10 Thu 7-10:10
Royal Opera House: The Nutcracker (STC) Thu 7:30
Silver Linings Playbook (14A) Fri 4:20-7:05-10 Sat-Sun 1:20-4:20-7:05-10 Mon-Thu 7:05-10 Star & Strollers Screening Wed 1
Skyfall (PG) Fri 3:40-4:10-7-7:30-10:15-10:45 Sat 12:25-12:50-3:40-4:10-7-7:20-10:05-10:20 Mon-Tue 7-7:20-10:05-10:25 Wed 1:10-7-7:20-10:05-10:25 Thu 7-7:20-10:05-10:25
The Twilight Saga: Breaking Dawn Part 2 (PG) Fri 5:15-8:05-10:50 Sat 12-2:35-5:15-8:05-10:50 Sun 12-2:35-5:15-7:55-10:30 Mon-Thu 7:55-10:30
Wreck-It Ralph (PG) Sat 12:15 Sun 12:30
Wreck-It Ralph 3D (PG) Fri 5:30-8-10:35 Sat 2:35-8-10:35 Sun 2:55-5:30-8-10:25 Mon-Thu 7:15-9:45

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Flight (18A) Fri 4-7:10-10:20 Sat 1-4-7:10-10:10 Sun 1-4-7:10-10:20 Mon-Wed 6:55-10 Thu 10
The Hobbit: An Unexpected Journey 3D (PG) No Passes Thu 10 No Passes Thu 10
Killing Them Softly (18A) Fri 4:20-7:20-10:10 Sat-Sun 1:40-4:20-7:20-10:10 Mon-Thu 7:40-10:10
Life of Pi 3D (PG) Fri 4:30-7:35-10:40 Sat-Sun 1:30-4:30-7:35-10:40 Mon-Wed 7:15-10:20 Thu 6:50-10:20 Fri 3:40-6:50-9:50 Sat 6:50-9:50 Sun 12:30-3:40-6:50-9:50 Mon-Wed 6:50-9:55 Thu 7:40
The Metropolitan Opera: Un Ballo in Maschera Live (STC) Sat 12:55 Sat 12:55
Miracle on 34th Street (G) Sun 12:45 Wed 7
Playing for Keeps (PG) Fri 5:15-8:15-10:45 Sat-Sun 12:05-2:40-5:15-7:50-10:30 Mon-Thu 7:20-9:50 Star & Strollers Screening Wed 1
Rise of the Guardians (G) Sat-Sun 12:10 Wed 1:15
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Royal Opera House: The Nutcracker (STC) Thu 7:30
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Keira Knightley wears imperialist Russian style well in Anna Karenina.
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Snooki and JWOWW to host MTV's New Year's Eve special

Times Square. Ke$ha, Ne-Yo and Sean Kingston to perform during 'sweaty, drunken, dance-fueled orgy of bliss'

Snooki hopes to use a leopard, bedazzled mic while hosting a live New Year's Eve special with JWOWW. GETTY IMAGES

New York's Times Square is getting a little bit Jersey for New Year's Eve.

MTV says Jersey Shore stars Nicole "Snooki" Polizzi and Jenni "JWOWW" Farley, as well as comedian Jeff Dye, will host the network's live New Year's Eve special from Times Square.

MTV's Club NYE 2013 will also feature performances from Ke$ha, Ne-Yo, Sean Kingston, Rita Ora and others. Ke$ha described the final night of the year as a time when people come together to celebrate "in a sweaty, drunken, dance-fueled orgy of bliss."

Polizzi said she is hoping to use "a leopard bedazzled microphone" for her hosting duties. The special is set to air at 11 p.m. ET on Dec. 31.

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Industry relying on Ke$ha, Bruno Mars, Angels & Airwaves

SOUND CHECK
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We've almost reached the end of the 2012 album release season. Will these albums help keep sales ahead of last year?

1 Dirty Love/ Ke$ha feat. Iggy Pop

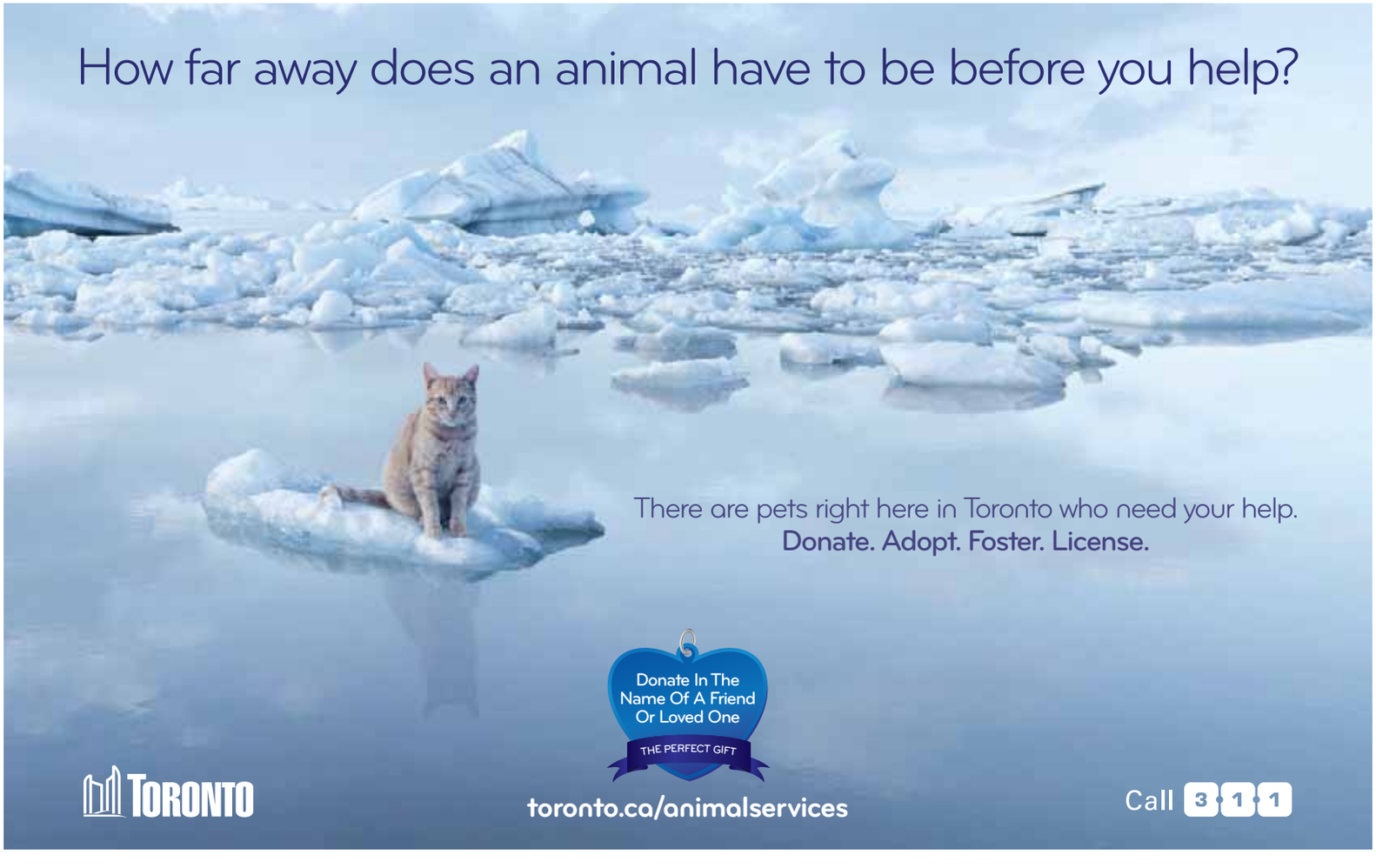
This was one of the tracks that leaked early from Ke$ha's Warrior album. Includes the lyrics "Cockroaches do it in garbage cans/ Rug merchants do it in Afghanistan."

2 Young Girls/ Bruno Mars

The second video from Unorthodox Jukebox, which is due out on Tuesday. His label is hoping for a No. 1 debut.

3 Reel 1 (Diary)/ Angels & Airwaves

One of the very last big-name releases of the year will come with Tom Hoppus' (Blink 182) side project on Dec. 18. Stomping the Phantom Brake Pedal is officially a double EP of "evolved" and "reimagined" tracks.



Mars plans to play until his fingers bleed

New album. The out-of-the-box musician talks about what went into making his latest effort, Unorthodox Jukebox

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Metro World News

Bruno Mars is anything but your standard musician. JAMES MOONEY

Bruno Mars was born and raised in sunny Hawaii. He's sold millions of records. And he has those chocolatey brown eyes. His shirt is mostly unbuttoned and he speaks slowly while stirring milk into a huge cup of coffee and settling into a huge, brown leather couch.

Relaxed, cool and confident — that's how he appears while talking about his new album, Unorthodox Jukebox. And he probably is, at least today. But that's not how he feels all the time. The 27-year-old singer had a very hard time getting started on the album, the successor to his hugely successful debut Doo-Wops & Hooligans from 2010.

"I went through writer's block — two months of being uninspired. It was just weeks and weeks of going back into the studio and trying to write something that means something. It's not easy. It gets scary, and I was afraid I'd never be able to write anything ever again," says the singer.

"Suddenly, for some reason, it started flowing again. That part of my brain turned back on," he explains.

Bruno Mars thinks that it was the many months that he spent on tour after releasing Doo-Wops & Hooligans that made it difficult to get back into song-writing mode.

"Maybe it was because I was coming off tour and I was trying to get my mind to work like that again. You have such a repetitive life on tour, travelling and singing the same songs over and over again. When you take all of that away, the transition … You've been playing the same chords and now you're trying to teach yourself new chords," he says.

Even though he's named after professional wrestler Bruno Sammartino, music, not sports, was No.1 in Bruno Mars' childhood home in Hawaii.

Both his parents are singers, and he's been performing in front of a real audience — not just mom and dad in the backyard — since he was three or four years old.

He's had the same idols since then too.

He's still a fan of Michael Jackson, Prince, Freddie Mercury and Sting — and yes, his new hit song Locked Out of Heaven may sound somewhat like The Police, he admits, grinning.

"There's an '80s kind of a feel to it. It wasn't planned, but my love for these chord progressions and the synth drum machines that were popularized in the 80s came out on this album much more than on the first one. I feel like … in the '80s there were singers, real strong singers," he says.

"Today, it's more like 'the era of computer-programmed.' There's a beauty in that too — I'm not a snob that's gonna say, 'This is not real music.'"

It's just not his taste. Bruno Mars likes the guys who played their instruments, till — as Bryan Adams said — their fingers bled. And that's how he's made a career for himself too.

A little more from Bruno

One more quote:

- **On the title of the album Unorthodox Jukebox.** "I was always told that my music was too unorthodox, too all over the place. That really chapped my ass, because I'm all over the place. The way I write music and all the music that I enjoy is what makes me unorthodox. To the suits that's a bad thing, because they have to think about marketing and what radio station will play this song and who will listen to it. Is it a young audience? An urban audience? A rock audience? I never understood all these questions."

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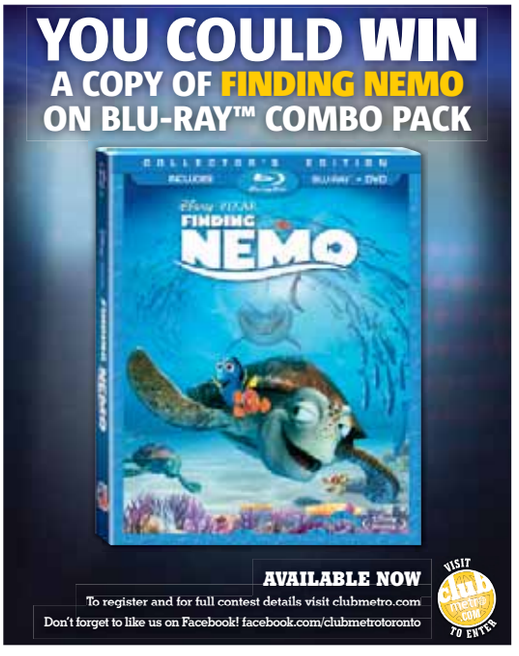

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OUR TAKE ON THE WORLD OF CELEBRITIES

The Word

'Tis the season in the city for these two starlets

THE WORD
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Sarah Jessica Parker and Naomi Watts not only juggle A-list acting careers as well as their families, but they also somehow find the time to take advantage of New York City's many cultural opportunities (annoying, I know).

"We have incredible museums that are affordable and free, we have tons of wonderful ballet companies. I try to do all these things with my children. Simply walking up and down the streets of New York — there's art everywhere, there's things to talk about," said Parker Thursday night at the New 42 Gala, which honoured the Australia Council for the Arts as well as supported the New Victory Education Program. Naomi Watts — who was there with her children, Sasha, 5, and Samuel, 4, and partner Liev Schreiber — agrees. "We've done a few shows with the kids. It's a treat," she said.

But lest you think Parker and Watts are so perfect they only fill their childrens' heads with intellectual goodness, rest assured both women have fallen prey to holiday craziness.

"We're pretty conventional," says Parker about her holidays with her family, which includes husband, actor Matthew Broderick, son James, 10, and twin daughters Marion and Tabitha, 3. "We like to be together, we like to eat, we play Yankee Trader."

Meanwhile, it seems like the Liev/Watts household has fallen victim to the holiday terrorist that is Elf on the Shelf. (For those of you lucky enough not to know what this is, the Elf on the Shelf is a doll who allegedly spies on your kids at Christmas time and has to be moved night after night by the parents. It's great for about a hot minute.)

"I think they're getting into the whole Santa Claus thing," Watts said about her little family. "They've got the Elf on the Shelf and every night he moves." WITH REPORTING BY OLIVIA MORROW

Kate Middleton

Sovereign stork to arrive in the summer

It's going to be a summer baby for Kate Middleton, according to Life & Style. "She's due in July, which is a month full of significance for William," a source says. "His mother, Diana, was born on July 1, and his parents got married on July 29." As for who the godparents will be for the new prince or princess? Signs are pointing to Prince Harry and Pippa Middleton, according to ABC News. "Kate is very close to her sister, Pippa, and William is infinitely, in the same way, close to Prince Harry. So they are the obvious choice," royal contributor Victoria Arbiter Brown says. "They were the best man and the chief bridesmaid at their wedding, they're well-trusted, they're family."

A second sleepover for Swift and Styles

Taylor Swift ALL PHOTOS GETTY IMAGES

The fledging romance between Taylor Swift and One Direction star Harry Styles appears to be heating up pretty quickly, if their latest rendezvous are any indication. Styles was spotted trying to sneak into the New York City hotel where Swift is staying, an overnight bag over his shoulder, according to Hollyscoop. That's the second night in a row the young music stars have spent together at the hotel this week.

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Offering hope is a family affair

Grandma, mom and kids give Plan Canada's Gifts of Hope

For eight years now, Thornhill resident Anna Maria Reiff has been doing all her holiday shopping from the comfort of her couch at home. No, Reiff is not an eBay addict; she's a long-time donor to Plan Canada's Gifts of Hope.

Every year, in what has become a holiday tradition in her family, Reiff flips through the Gifts of Hope catalogue to pick livestock, clean drinking water and literacy training for families in developing nations. Her choices are bought in the name of a friend or family member who then receives them as holiday gifts. "You can really tailor your gift to your passion or that of a loved one," she notes.

That was never truer than in 2011, after Reiff's father, Donato Della Penna, passed away. "My father didn't have the opportunity to go to high school, but he was an avid academic. He loved learning and became a maintenance worker to put all of us through school," she explains. Reiff found the perfect way to honour her dad. "On Plan's Gifts of Hope website [plangifts.com], I saw that a school was being created in Ghana. I made a larger-than-usual donation in his memory."

Greg Pacek

Anna Maria Reiff, right, her son Peter Reiff, left, and mom Emma Della Penna make the season bright by giving each other Gifts of Hope.

She even had the opportunity to visit Ghana for the school's grand opening and saw first-hand how Gifts of Hope can change a community forever. "I spoke to the headmistress and she explained how thankful she is for the chance to empower the women especially. I saw women taking the lead in the village and was so impressed."

Women and girls are often the key beneficiaries of Gifts of Hope. "It's critical to invest in girls," says Sangita Patel, Plan Canada's director of program management. "They are the last to be fed and the last to go to school."

This year, to celebrate the power and potential of girls worldwide, and in recognition of the unique challenges that face them, Plan Canada led the charge to get the United Nations to declare October 11, 2012, the first-ever International Day of the Girl.

Out of the 40-plus Gifts of Hope available, 15 are gifts that support Plan's Because I am a Girl initiative. These include Literacy training for two women ($120), a Fuel-efficient stove ($60) and Girls' hygiene essentials ($25).

Another top necessity in developing countries is the need for medical care for pregnant women and their newborns. It's an issue close to the hearts of Plan Canada sponsors Ali and Ariana Nabavieh of London, who bought a Gift of Hope to help build a maternal health clinic in Tanzania.

The Nabaviehs' own child, Mylo, now nearly two years old, was born with a heart condition and had two surgeries to correct it before he turned one. "Because he was born here, the healthcare system saved his life," notes Ali. "So, when we celebrated his first birthday, we knew exactly what our next Gift of Hope would be."

As kids, both he and Ariana were taught to consider those less fortunate. "And if we can inspire even one person to give a Gift of Hope," Ali says, "we'll be happy."

TIP: Thanks to Plan Canada's partners, your donations will go even further. Look for "Matched" gifts at **plangifts.com**.

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- Primary school in Guinea: **$10,000**

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A beauty bounty

JANINE FALCON
For Metro

From beauty empowerment to fragranced skin, from shimmering nails to luscious hair, these gift ideas have her (and you) covered.

More than a makeup book, **Bobbi Brown Pretty Powerful** (Chronicle Books, 2012) is a confidence-builder from a pro who empowers with must-try tips and tricks. $34.95 hardcover, chapters.indigo.ca.

Give her nail polish collection a brand new sheen with **YSL La Laque Couture Top Coat in Première Neige**, an iridescent top coat that sparkles over any colour. $27, Holt Renfrew.

Any scent from the Byredo Parfums collection is a unique and special gift for fragrance lovers; **Byredo Black Saffron**, an Oriental Spicy eau de parfum is the newest. $235, Holt Renfrew.

Luscious **LoveFresh Lemon Verbena Body Butter** pampers skin with aloe, chamomile and calendula extracts, and is made sans parabens or petrolatum. $24, lovefresh.com.

Glamorous yet understated like its creator Aerin Lauder, the **Aerin Holiday Style Palette** offers foolproof shadows and subtle highlight powder. $78, esteelauder.ca.

Feminine and fragrant, **Valentino Valentina Body Scrub** is a creamy exfoliant in a lovely frosted jar she'll keep for years. $78, thebay.com.

The award-winning complexion-saver of the season, this natural moisture booster relieves exczema. **Consonant HydrExtreme Serum**, $72, consonantbody.com.

She'll swoon over **MAC's Sinfully Chic Face Kit**, a charming neutral makeup + brush set. Trust. $85, maccosmetics.com.

Soft, shiny, swingy hair is hers with silicone-free **Shu Uemura Cleansing Oil Shampoo**, which gently purifies all hair types, including fine, limp, and oily. $55.

Above: Valentino Valentina Body Scrub. Above left: LoveFresh Lemon Verbena Body Butter. Left: Aerin Holiday Style Palette.

From bottom left to bottom right: MAC's Sinfully Chic Face Kit, Byredo Black Saffron, Consonant HydrExtreme Serum, YSL La Laque Couture Top Coat in Première Neige, Shu Uemura Cleansing Oil Shampoo.

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Grooming gifts for him

Calvin Klein Encounter, above.

JANINE FALCON
For Metro

From wake-up to spruce-up, these manly gift ideas will help him put his best self forward before his first coffee of the day.

Perk up his morning routine with the ultra-fresh **L'Occitane Verdon Adventure** set, which includes shower gel, soap, deodorant and eau de toilette. $82, loccitane.ca.

He'll appreciate the weightless **Biotherm Homme Force Supreme** anti-aging formulas that promise smoother, firmer, more comfortable skin. Lotion, $45 and Serum, $70; biotherm.ca.

If he's into natural stuff, he'll dig non-oily **Weleda After Shave Balm**, which cools and soothes with organic jojoba seed oil, aloe and myrrh. $26.99, well.ca.

Set him up for next November with the waterproof **Philips Styleshaver**, which trims, styles and shaves with easy precision. $99.99, personaledge.com.

He doesn't have to be a sexy vampire (or an actor who plays one) to wear **Calvin Klein Encounter**, a warm, woody scent. $67, thebay.com.

Ideal for the man who likes simple yet sophisticated skincare, **Shiseido's Men's Essentials Gift Set** includes a handsome toiletry case. $70, thebay.com

Help him love his hair more with **Kerastase Anti-Oiliness Daily Treatment Shampoo** and **Leave-In Treatment**. $36 each, kerastase.com.

For the multi-tasking man, the **Jack Black Core Collection** includes cleanser+toner, shave-oil cream+skin conditioner, and moisturizer+SPF. $52, ebeauty.ca.

Stock his gym bag with zesty essentials, such as **Crabtree & Evelyn's West Indian Lime Travel Set**. $26, Crabtree & Evelyn boutiques.

Above: Jack Black Core Collection. Right: Kerastase Anti-Oiliness Daily Treatment Shampoo. Below: Shiseido's Men's Essentials Gift Set.

From bottom left to bottom right: L'Occitane Verdon Adventure set, Biotherm Homme Force Supreme, Philips Styleshaver, Weleda After Shave Balm, Crabtree & Evelyn's West Indian Lime Travel Set.

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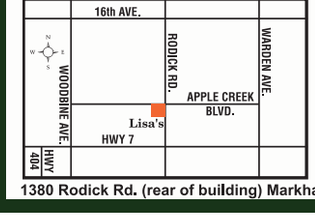

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Sharp 90-inch LED TV — $9,999.99, below, Apple TV — $109, right.

Television Wonderland

Gift options for your viewing pleasure

MIKE YAWNEY
For Metro

Wouldn't it be nice to wake up to a brand new television Christmas morning?

Whether you are looking for a new TV or simply want to add to your home theatre, there are plenty of options for you or the videophile on your shopping list.

Panasonic Viera TCL42U5 — $499

Not everyone needs all the bells and whistles of some of the more expensive televisions on the market. Sometimes you just want to watch TV. This 42-inch 1080p LCD TV gives a great picture for a fraction of the price of most other sets. You still get a variety of inputs (including three HDMI) plus you will benefit from Eco mode, which will save you money on your energy bills.

LG Cinema 3D LM9600 — $2,299

If your heart is set on a 3-D TV, look no further than this LED TV from LG. It has the ability to convert any 2-D content into breathtaking 3-D on the fly. Everything can be controlled through simple gestures using the Magic Remote, or simply tell your TV what you want it to do through voice control. You will find tons of inputs on the back, plus it's Wi-Fi enabled.

Sharp 90-inch LED TV — $9,999.99

Good luck bringing this one down the chimney Santa! Sharp's 90-inch LED TV is the largest in Canada. Experience movies the way they were meant to be seen — on the big screen. The larger screen allows for bigger speakers, giving you a theatre-like experience right in your home. Gamers will enjoy the Vyper Drive feature that reduces lag times while playing games. You can also connect wirelessly to the web or enjoy apps such as Netflix. This beautiful television comes with a hefty price tag, so don't even think about asking for it if there is even the slightest chance you are on the naughty list.

Samsung Blu-ray Player BD-E6500 — $219

Not only can this Blu-ray device play your favourite high-definition movies in 2-D and 3-D, it can turn any TV into a smart TV with built-in apps such as Netflix, YouTube and Facebook. If you already own a Samsung smart-phone you can use it to control the action. The built-in USB port also allows playback of videos, photos and music from your USB devices.

Apple TV — $109

Access all of your iTunes content directly on your television. This tiny media player ensures all of your movies, TV shows, and music are readily available, plus get access to Netflix, YouTube and Vimeo without logging onto your computer. One of my favourite features has to be AirPlay, which allows you to stream content from your iPad, MacBook, or iMac right to your television with a simple click. Great for presentations or simply playing games and apps on the big screen.

Logitech Harmony 650 Remote — $79.99

At one time you had to pay a fortune to get an amazing universal remote. The Harmony 650 proves that's no longer the case. Complete with colour display, this advanced remote can control up to five devices at a fraction of the price of other high-end remotes. While it does require an Internet connected PC or Mac to set up, once it's up and running it simplifies even the most complex home theatre setup so everyone in the family can use it.

Samsung Blu-ray Player BD-E6500 — $219, left, Panasonic Viera TCL42U5 — $499, top left, Logitech Harmony 650 Remote — $79.99, top right.

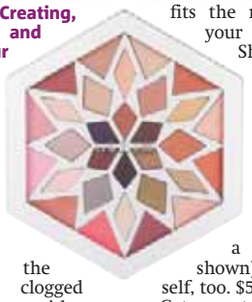
Teen dream beauty and body care

JANINE FALCON
For Metro

From savvy style advice to smart skincare to totally adorbs makeup, great gift ideas for the teens in your life.

An energizing citrus kick in the morning shower via a **LUSH Cool Christmas** duo is just the thing for sleepyhead teens. $16.95, lush.ca

Whether your teen is obsessed with fashion or just developing his or her own style, **Learn to Speak Fashion: A Guide to Creating, Showcasing and Promoting Your Style** (Owl Kids, 2012) offers smart insider insight, advice and encouragement you'll love too. $16.95 paperback, chapters.indigo.ca.



Put the kybosh on clogged teenage pores with a **Clarisonic Mia** for deep-cleaning sessions every other day. $139, sephora.ca.

No girl can resist mini beauty treats; the **Soap & Glory Small Wonders Gift Set** totes fits the mini bill (and your wallet). $20, Shoppers Drug Mart.

If you love makeup, you'll want to snag a **Stila Snow Angel Color Palette** — 18 shadows, 12 blushes and a mascara (not shown) — for yourself, too. $51, sephora.ca.

Get your teen on a good-skin regimen with a **Dermalogica Clean Start Starter Kit**, which handles pesky zits, too. $45.50, cleanstart.dermalogica.com.ca

From the fashion queen of whimsy, this **Anna Sui Holiday Collection** includes blush, shadow, lip gloss and a sweet lacy pouch. $50, Sears.ca and Murale.ca.

The Body Shop For Men Maca Root Scrub & Shave Set sets your young fellow up with face wash, moisturizer — and eye cream Dad can swipe. $35, thebodyshop.ca.

Nourishing essentials for feet and hands, such as the **Burt's Bees Best of Burt's Bees Set**, are easy stocking stuffers. $24.99, burtsbees.ca.

Middle and left: Stila makeup palettes.

From bottom left to bottom right: Burt's Bees Best of Burt's Bees Set, The Body Shop For Men Maca Root Scrub & Shave Set, Clarisonic Mia, LUSH Cool Christmas, Dermalogica Clean Start Starter Kit.

Above: Anna Sui Holiday Collection.

Kid-friendly gear

Girls Sequin Dress, $18, available at Walmart, walmart.ca.

The Rockstar Pop Colour Skinny Jeans, $44.50, available at Old Navy, oldnavy.ca.

Boys Sweater, $12, available at Walmart, walmart.ca.

Firefly Fuzzy Animal Toque, $19.99 each, available at Sport Chek, sportchek.ca.

Hooded Sweater Dress With Leggings, $19.99, available at Winners, winners.ca.

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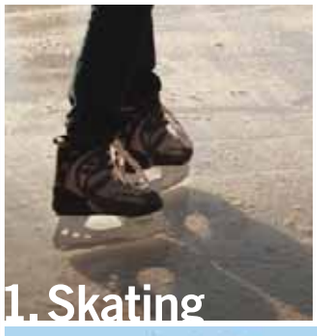

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Low-stress shopping

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Looking for deals online can help alleviate some of the holiday shopping stress. ISTOCKPHOTO/THINKSTOCK

December is supposed to be the time of holiday cheer.

Yet, so often we get stressed out when it comes to holiday shopping. Stores are crowded, kids are nagging for that "must-have" new toy or electronic gadget, not to mention teachers' gifts, and something for the BFF who has everything but insists on upholding the gift exchange you have been doing since you shared a university dorm. Then there's finding that special something for the love of your life.

Here are some tips to help make life easier, not just this month, but all year round.

Make a list in advance

When you make a list in advance and stick to it, you will reduce the risk of impulse buying and cut down on browsing time.

Shop online

Browse, research, comparison shop, and find unique gifts all from the comfort of your own keyboard. It's easy to look for the best deals. With the strong Canadian dollar, consider cross-border shopping. Look for retailers who offer deals on shipping and free gift wrapping too.

Buy teachers' gifts as a class

Get together with other parents and pool your money together so you can buy a group gift. Gift certificates from a local bookstore or mall allow your child's teacher to choose something they will enjoy instead of toss out.

Donate to a favourite charity in someone's honour

These days, pretty much every charity accepts donations online — it's quick and easy, and with a minimum donation you will get a tax receipt, too. It may not be as much fun as unwrapping presents but it feels wonderful to do something for others less fortunate while cutting down on unnecessary gifts that would otherwise clutter your home.

Watch for online giveaways

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Tateossian Cufflinks, $175 to $298, available at all Harry Rosen stores across Canada, harryrosen.com.

Fashion Neckwear, $45 to $75, available at Tip Top Tailors, tiptop.ca.

Wool Cardigan With Leather Details, $89.99, available at Winners, winners.ca.

Calvin Klein Chunky Ombre Sweater, $128, available at Tip Top Tailors, tiptop.ca.

Tallia Orange Velvet Jacket, $295, available at Tip Top Tailors, tiptop.ca.

Travel Blazer, $295, available at Tilley, tilley.com.

Men's Chunky Fair Isle Sweater, $98, available at Gap, gapcanada.ca.

Solid Coloured Pocket Squares, $10, available at Tip Top Tailors, tiptop.ca.

Men's Wind River TMAX Heat HeelToe Socks, $9.99 to $10.99, available at Mark's, marks.com.

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Recipe. All-In-One Spiced Chocolate Loaf

This Green & Black's Organic All-In-One Spiced Chocolate Loaf recipe will be a sure hit during the holidays.

Ingredients:

- 50 g dark (70 per cent cocoa solids) chocolate
- 100 g plain flour
- 125 g icing sugar
- 1 tsp ground mixed spice
- 2 tsp baking powder
- 175 g unsalted butter at room temperature, plus extra for greasing
- 4 medium free-range eggs
- 100 g dark chocolate with ginger

Instructions:

1 Preheat the oven to 180 C/350 F/gas mark 4, and butter a 22-centimetre loaf pan.

2 Melt the dark chocolate using double boiler method (placing a microwave or heatproof bowl over a pan of gently simmering water) ensuring the bowl doesn't touch the water. Set aside to cool.

3 Blend the flour, sugar, spices and baking powder. This can be achieved using a food processor or a hand-held electric mixer.

4 Add the butter, cooled melted chocolate and the eggs and blend until evenly combined. Pour the mixture into the loaf pan and bake for about 35 minutes or until a toothpick inserted in the centre comes out clean. Carefully remove the loaf from the pan and cool on a wire rack.

5 Meanwhile, melt the ginger chocolate bar using the double boiler method and drizzle over the cooled cake. Makes one loaf.

Tip: You can also drizzle the loaf with other Green & Black's Organic chocolate. Dark, milk or white chocolate would also complement this cake's flavours.

Dark, milk or white chocolate would also complement this cake's flavours. CONTRIBUTED

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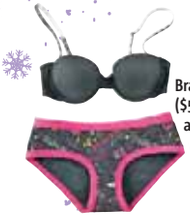
On the naughty list

Ruffle Mesh Baby Doll, $29.95, available at La Vie En Rose, lavieenrose.com.

Naughty Santa Bustier, $59.50, available at La Senza, lasenza.com.



Bra ($14) And Panty ($5) Set, available at Walmart, walmart.ca.

Mrs. Claus Halter Dress Set With Stockings $49.95, available at La Vie En Rose, lavieenrose.com.

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If there's a liquid silver lining to winter being around the corner, it's that port season has officially arrived.

This time of year provides chilly nights and the opportunity for roaring fires, both perfect companions to a glass of the king of Portuguese wine.

For some of you, port carries more baggage than the Kardashian sisters on a three- day vacation. The term has been used by countries the world over (including Canada) on the labels of generic, booze-infused wines that totally take the regal name of port in vain.

Most have stopped, and true port is finding a new audience as a luxurious meal ender or cigar companion (if you're so inclined).

Choosing the port that's right for you can be a struggle. Most are expensive and not all are appropriate for drinking right away.

A Late Bottled Vintage style, like Taylor's 2005 LBV ($16.45 to $24.99), is a mid-priced blend of wines all produced in the same year. Smooth, with deep, dark berry fruit, an LBV is drinkable right out of the bottle, will keep for several weeks once opened and makes a great introduction to the world of port. **PRICES REFLECT THE RANGE ACROSS THE COUNTRY. SOME PRODUCTS MAY NOT BE AVAILABLE IN ALL PROVINCES.**

Step up fancy factor with Prime Veal Chop

Prime Veal Chop with Pesto and Feta Cheese. It may be hard to believe, but this delicious recipe takes just three ingredients to make

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I created this recipe for The Pickle Barrel chain of restaurants in Toronto.

The veal chop is beautifully lean and tender.

The combination of pesto and feta complements it beautifully and gives the dish a Mediterranean twist.

This goes well with grilled vegetables and mashed potatoes.

Ingredients

4 portions
Prep time: 10 minutes
Cook time: 14 minutes

- four 6- to 8-oz prime veal chops with bone in (also known as the French cut)
- 2 tbsp pesto
- 2 tbsp crumbled feta cheese

This recipe serves four. BRIAN MACDONALD, FROM ROSE REISMAN'S COMPLETE LIGHT KITCHEN (WHITECAP BOOKS)

1. Preheat the oven to 425 F. Line a baking sheet with foil and spray with cooking oil.

2. Spray a non-stick skillet with cooking oil and place over medium-high heat. Cook the veal on both sides just until seared and browned, approximately 2 minutes per side. Place on the prepared baking sheet.

3. Spread both sides of the veal with pesto sauce and sprinkle with the feta, patting the cheese down firmly.

4. Bake for approximately 10 minutes, until the internal temperature registers about 135 F for medium-rare, or to desired doneness. Let rest 5 minutes before serving. **ROSE REISMAN'S COMPLETE LIGHT KITCHEN (WHITECAP BOOKS) BY ROSE REISMAN**

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Just opened: GotStyle in the Distillery

Every fashionable Toronto man is familiar with GotStyle. Featuring some of the top menswear designers and collections, GotStyle now has new digs in the Distillery District, replete with an enhanced 6,000 square foot space. The new store — at 21 Trinity St. — also boasts some threads for the ladies, an old-school salon for men and women and an in-store tailor.

Just opened: Rock Lobster Food Co.

In a La Carnita-esque move, Rock Lobster Food Co. — a pop-up lobster stand — has gone permanent with the opening of its Ossington Restaurant, found at 110 Ossington Ave. While Chef Matt Petit's signature lobster rolls will still be on the menu, the 75-seat restaurant is also serving up oodles of other fresh seafood and even some options for the oceanic-averse.

Just opened: A-OK Foods

The trio behind Ossington hotspot Yours Truly have brought us a new snack bar and ramen shop at 930 Queen St. W. It's a trendy looking hole in the wall, seating only 35. But in it you'll find some amazing eats, including house-made ramen noodles for the eponymous soup. The menu will constantly change, and is the brainchild of chef Chris Jang. A-OK Foods is open for lunch and dinner.

Just opened: Yakitori Bar

You'll find Yakitori Bar sitting pretty at 1 Baldwin St., in the heart of Baldwin Village. Occupying the front half of the space — in the coming weeks, a second restaurant called Seoul Food Co. will open in the back half — Yakitori Bar is all about its namesake street food. Here you can order up a duo of delicious yakitori skewers, like pork belly or scallop, and some interesting Asian-inspired cocktails.

Now open: Strellson Yorkville

Fans of Strellson now have a dedicated spot to pick up this Swedish clothing company's fine threads. With the opening of Strellson Yorkville a few weeks ago — at 4 Avenue Rd. — the design house's wares finally have a showcase all their own. Find the brand's famed sportswear line and several suiting options within, and outfit yourself with prime ensembles fit for any urban man.

Just opened: Sabai Sabai Kitchen and Bar

The gentrification of Church and Dundas continues with the soft launch of Sabai Sabai Kitchen and Bar, a gourmet Thai restaurant with a menu designed by none other than chef Nuit Regular (Sukhothai, Khao San Road). The new space boasts a contemporary approach to traditional Thai food, with dishes like massaman curry, crispy fried fish and a whole lot of vegan options. Find it at 225 Church St.

Warm up with Beef Potpie

Chicken Potpie is a fine, comforting dinner for most of the winter. But for extra cold days, you want comfort with a little more. This recipe uses the model of a basic puff pastry-topped Chicken Potpie, but substitutes tender sirloin tips for the poultry. Add a creamy beef gravy and you end up with savoury potpies.

1. Heat the oven to 400 F.

2. Place the potatoes in a medium saucepan. Add enough water to cover by 1 inch. Bring to a boil, then cook until tender, about 15 to 20 minutes. Drain and set aside.

3. Meanwhile, in a large deep skillet over medium-high heat, melt the butter. Add the onion, shallots and garlic and sauté until tender, about 5 minutes. Add the carrots and celery and cook until beginning to brown and caramelize at the edges, about 10 more minutes. Stir in the tomato paste, Worcestershire sauce and thyme. Cook for another 2 minutes. Transfer to a plate and set aside.

4. Season the sirloin with salt and pepper. Return the skillet to the stovetop over high heat. Add the oil. Working in batches to avoid crowding the pan, sear the meat on all sides until well browned, about 3 minutes.

This recipe serves six. MATTHEW MEAD/ THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

The meat does not need to be cooked through. Once seared, remove the meat from the pan.

5. Lower the heat to medium and stir in the red wine. Scrape up any browned bits from the pan. In a small bowl, whisk together the beef stock and flour. Add to the pan, whisking until thick, about 3 minutes. Stir in the cream. Return the beef, vegetables and potatoes to the pan and stir to combine and coat everything with the sauce. Season with salt and pepper. Transfer to a medium casserole dish or baking pan.

6. Unfold the puff pastry sheet and set it over the pan. Use a paring knife to cut slits to vent. Bake for 20 to 25 minutes, or until the puff pastry is golden brown and the inside is bubbling. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Ingredients

- 1 1/4 lbs yellow potatoes, cut into 1-inch chunks
- 2 tbsp butter
- 1 medium onion, sliced
- 2 medium shallots, sliced
- 1 clove garlic, minced
- 2 large carrots, diced
- 2 stalks celery, diced
- 2 tbsp tomato paste
- 2 tbsp Worcestershire sauce
- 2 tbsp minced fresh thyme
- 1 1/4 pounds sirloin tips, cut into 1-inch pieces
- Ground black pepper
- Kosher salt
- 1 tbsp vegetable or canola oil
- 1/4 cup red wine
- 3/4 cup unsalted or low-sodium beef stock
- 2 tbsp all-purpose flour
- 1/2 cup heavy cream
- 1 sheet puff pastry, thawed according to directions

Blue Cheese & Pear Tarts

1. Preheat oven to 425 F (220 C). Lightly butter a baking sheet. Cut pear in half lengthwise; scoop out core and stem. Place cut sides down and cut lengthwise into 1/4-inch (0.5 cm) thick slices. Place on buttered baking sheet and roast 18 mins., flipping over halfway, until golden and tender. Transfer to cutting board and let cool completely. Reduce oven temperature to 375 F (190 C).

2. Meanwhile, in skillet, heat butter and oil over medium heat. Add onions and half of salt. Cook, stirring occasionally, 8 mins., or until onions are tender and slightly golden. Set aside.

3. In bowl, whisk together eggs, cream and sour cream. Whisk in remaining salt and pepper.

4. Chop pear slices into 1/4- to 1/2-inch (0.5 to 1 cm) pieces; set aside.

5. Place frozen tarts on clean baking sheet. Spoon onions, into bottom of each tart, dividing equally. Divide crumbled blue cheese and pear over onions. Pour cream mix into tart shells until just little bits of filling are peaking through.

6. Place baking sheet in oven and bake 25 mins. or until filling is puffy and tart shells are golden. Allow to cool a little before serving.
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Ingredients

- 1 pear
- 1 tsp (5 ml) butter
- 1 tsp (5 ml) olive oil
- 1 onion, cut into 1/2-inch (1 cm) dice
- 1/2 tsp (2 ml) salt
- 3 eggs
- 3/4 cup (175 ml) each 35% whipping cream and 14% sour cream
- 1/4 tsp (1 ml) pepper
- 24 frozen tart shells (3-inch/7.5 cm size)
- 3-1/4 oz (100 g) Canadian Blue cheese, crumbled

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Raptors rookie centre Jonas Valanciunas looks for a passing lane against the Philadelphia 76ers last month at Air Canada Centre. VINCE TALOTTA/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE FILE

Glimmer of hope on bumpy road

NBA. Valanciunas displaying gems of talent while adjusting to big league's nuances

All through the summer and into training camp and in the early portion of the NBA regular season, any mention of promising Raptors rookie Jonas Valanciunas came with one codicil:

He will be good, team officials would say, with a chance to be very good, but he is not now, and never will be, a saviour and there will be difficult moments at times in his first season.

And that has been precisely how it has played out for the 20-year-old, who has barely scratched the surface of his abundant talent, with little gems of moves that show just how promising the young centre truly is.

There is every chance he could be moved to the bench from a starting role after 19 games, maybe even as early as Friday against the Utah Jazz, not as any kind of punishment but more to allow him to face second-unit opponents more often.

But there have been far more moments of clarity than might have been expected, little plays where it looks like he "gets it" and for that reason, there has to be a modicum of optimism about his and his team's future.

It may be a 15-foot jump shot that's feathery and effective, a slide from the weak side to disrupt a shot that shows he's becoming more familiar with quick decisions or a one-handed rebound while holding off an opponent that's a test of strength and timing.

In this season of disappointment so far — too many close games lost, given away or taken away — the emergence and growth of the young Valanciunas at least provides a glimmer of hope for a better future.

"I'm just really proud of Jonas," says Toronto coach Dwane Casey, offering high praise to the Lithuanian rookie.

There are other issues at play that show Valanciunas, while good, has plenty to learn but, on the whole, enthusiasm abounds for the seven-footer.

The most impressive aspect of Valanciunas's play of late has been his offence. He's shown a shooting range of up to 15 feet and is far more comfortable handling the ball around the perimeter.

"He's probably further along on that than his back-to-the basket right now," said Casey. "I know Bryan (Colangelo) has talked about him working with (Hakeem) Olajuwon next summer. We haven't talked to Olajuwon about that yet, but that's one thing we've talked about.

"I think if you throw too much at him too quick, he gets nothing. I think it's one small thing at a time and now it's little short jump shots, free throw line jump shots or his jump hook and that type of thing. That's his first phase."

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Through 19 games

Valanciunas is averaging 23.6 minutes and is ninth among rookies with 8.7 points. He also averages 5.5 rebounds and 1.3 blocks.

D-League. Raptors send rookie Acy to Bakersfield

The Toronto Raptors have assigned forward Quincy Acy to the Bakersfield Jam of the NBA Development League.

Acy has played 21 minutes over three games for the Raptors, averaging 2.3 points and 2.0 rebounds.

He'll remain on the Raptors' roster and will be placed on the team's inactive list.

Acy is the sixth Raptor to be assigned to the NBA D-League in franchise history.

Bakersfield is Toronto's NBA D-League affiliate for the 2012-13 season.

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Raptors general manager Bryan Colangelo, left, introduces rookies Terrence Ross, centre, and Quincy Acy at Air Canada Centre in June. Acy was sent to the D-League on Thursday. KEITH BEATY/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE FILE

MLB

Star free agents left waiting after winter meetings

As teams headed home from the baseball winter meetings on Thursday in Nashville, the biggest free agents were still on the market.

The availability of slugger Josh Hamilton and pitcher Zack Greinke held up decisions on other signings and possible trades involving Rangers star Michael Young and the Mets' Cy Young Award winner R.A. Dickey.

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Soccer

Euro 2020 to be played across continent

Around 45 countries were given hope of hosting the 2020 European Championship on Thursday as UEFA pledged the tournament would be played across the continent.

The revolution in hosting strategy would create a "Euro for Europe," suggested UEFA general secretary Gianni Infantino — and fulfil the wish of its president Michel Platini, who floated the idea in June.

The choice of exactly how many cities and countries will host the 24-team, 51-match tournament is scheduled for the spring of 2014. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Champions League

Lionel Messi THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Messi's knee not as bad as he feared

Lionel Messi says that his injured knee feels much better despite fearing the worst when he collided with the goalkeeper during a Champions League match against Benfica on Wednesday.

The Barcelona forward says he may miss Sunday's league match at Real Betis, but had originally thought his career was in jeopardy.

"I sincerely thought it was the last ball I would be touching for a long time because of the pain," he said. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Fehr-ing the worst: NHL talks stall

Day 82. No talks planned after NHLPA's proposal rejected by league

The NHL labour talks have hit another roadblock — and this one appears to be massive.

After two optimistic days that suggested a deal could be imminent, negotiations between the league and the NHL Players' Association broke off dramatically Thursday.

The NHLPA presented a new offer on Thursday afternoon, a proposal that union head Donald Fehr called "a clear outline" to end the dispute.

Fehr said he believed the two sides are "clearly very close, if not on top of one another in connection with most of the major issues."

The league flatly rejected the offer, saying the two sides aren't close despite what Fehr says.

"I don't know why he did that," an angry Gary Bettman told a news conference.

The NHL commissioner said any new offers the league made this week are now off the table.

"The take or give or bottom line on all this is: It appears that the union is suggesting because we made substantial movements in certain areas that we're close to a deal," said Bettman. "But those moves were contingent on the union specifically agreeing on other things, which, while the union may have moved towards, didn't agree to."

Quoted

"We're going to take a deep breath and look back at where we are and what needs to be accomplished."

NHL commissioner Gary Bettman

During talks this week, the league said it was willing to increase the amount of deferred transition money paid to the players to $300 million US — which sat directly between what had most recently been tabled by the NHL ($211 million) and NHLPA ($393 million).

Another issue that surfaced was the league's desire to see a 10-year term on the collective bargaining agreement. The union's offer Thursday was for eight years with an option for opting out after Year 6.

"I'm disappointed beyond belief that we are where we are tonight," said Bettman.

Fehr's comments took an equally negative tone.

"What can we tell the hockey fans of Canada? You can tell them that it looks like this is not going to be resolved in the immediate future," Fehr said.

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Sidney Crosby listens as NHLPA executive director Donald Fehr speaks to reporters on Thursday in New York.

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NBA

EASTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	Pct	GB
New York	13	4	.765	—
Miami	12	4	.750	1/2
Atlanta	10	5	.667	2
Chicago	9	8	.529	4
Brooklyn	11	6	.647	2
Philadelphia	10	8	.556	31/2
Boston	10	8	.556	31/2
Indiana	10	9	.526	4
Milwaukee	8	9	.471	5
Charlotte	7	10	.412	6
Orlando	7	11	.389	61/2
Detroit	6	14	.300	81/2
Cleveland	4	15	.211	10
Toronto	4	15	.211	10
Washington	2	13	.133	10

WESTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	Pct	GB
Memphis	13	3	.813	1/2
San Antonio	15	4	.789	—
Oklahoma City	15	4	.789	—
L.A. Clippers	12	6	.667	21/2
Golden State	11	7	.611	31/2
Houston	9	8	.529	5
Utah	10	10	.500	51/2
L.A. Lakers	9	10	.474	6
Denver	9	10	.474	6
Minnesota	8	9	.471	6
Dallas	8	10	.444	61/2
Portland	8	11	.421	7
Phoenix	7	12	.368	8
Sacramento	5	12	.294	9
New Orleans	5	12	.294	9

Division leaders ranked in top four positions and best eight teams qualify for playoffs

Thursday's results
New York at Miami
Dallas at Phoenix
Wednesday's results
Indiana 99 Portland 92
New York 100 Charlotte 98
Boston 104 Minnesota 94
Golden State 104 Detroit 97
Atlanta 108 Denver 104
L.A. Lakers 103 New Orleans 87
Chicago 95 Cleveland 85
San Antonio 110 Milwaukee 99
Utah 87 Orlando 81
Sacramento 107 Toronto 100
L.A. Clippers 112 Dallas 90
Friday's games
Denver at Indiana, 7 p.m.
Boston at Philadelphia, 7 p.m.
Golden State at Brooklyn, 7:30 p.m.
Chicago at Detroit, 7:30 p.m.
Washington at Atlanta, 7:30 p.m.
Cleveland at Minnesota, 8 p.m.
Memphis at New Orleans, 8 p.m.
Charlotte at Milwaukee, 8:30 p.m.
Houston at San Antonio, 8:30 p.m.
Toronto at Utah, 9 p.m.
L.A. Lakers at Oklahoma City, 9:30 p.m.
Orlando at Sacramento, 10 p.m.
Saturday's games
Phoenix at L.A. Clippers, 3:30 p.m.
Golden State at Washington, 7 p.m.
San Antonio at Charlotte, 7 p.m.
New Orleans at Miami, 7:30 p.m.
Philadelphia at Boston, 7:30 p.m.
Detroit at Cleveland, 7:30 p.m.
Atlanta at Memphis, 8 p.m.
New York at Chicago, 8 p.m.
Dallas at Houston, 8 p.m.
Sacramento at Portland, 10 p.m.
Sunday's games
Toronto at L.A. Clippers, 3:30 p.m.
Milwaukee at Brooklyn, 6 p.m.
Indiana at Oklahoma City, 7 p.m.
Denver at New York, 7:30 p.m.
Orlando at Phoenix, 8 p.m.
Utah at L.A. Lakers, 9:30 p.m.

LATE WEDNESDAY

KINGS 107, RAPTORS 100

TORONTO (100)
Lowry 9-20 12-12 34, Pietrus 8-15 3-3 21, DeRozan 7-16 0-2 14, Davis 5-10 3-4 13, Bargnani 3-14 2-2 8, Johnson 1-1 2-2 4, Calderon 1-3 1-1 3, Valanciunas 1-4 1-2 3, Ross 0-3 0-0 0. Totals 35-86 24-28 100.
SACRAMENTO (107)
Cousins 11-18 3-3 25, Evans 7-16 7-12 23, Thompson 6-11 1-1 13, Salmons 4-7 2-2 12, Brooks 2-8 6-8 11, Fredette 2-5 2-2 7, Robinson 2-3 3-4 7, Johnson 3-5 0-1 6, Thornton 1-7 1-1 3, Hayes 0-2 0-0 0. Totals 38-82 25-34 107.

Toronto	29	18	29	24 —100
Sacramento	29	26	23	29 —107

3-Point Goals—Toronto 6-23 (Lowry 4-9, Pietrus 2-6, Bargnani 0-6, Calderon 0-1, Ross 0-1). Sacramento 6-15 (Evans 2-4, Brooks 1-3, Thornton 0-3, Salmons 2-2, Fredette 1-2, Cousins 0-1). **Rebounds—**Toronto 40 (Davis 11, Pietrus 6, DeRozan 5, Lowry 5, Johnson 4, Bargnani 3, Valanciunas 3, Ross 2, Calderon 1). Sacramento 47 (Cousins 13, Thompson 10, Johnson 8, Robinson 4, Hayes 3, Thornton 3, Salmons 2, Evans 2, Brooks 1, Fredette 1). **Assists—**Toronto 25 (Lowry 11). Sacramento 18 (Salmons 7). **Total Fouls—**Toronto 23, Sacramento 18. A—12,476 at Sacramento. T—2:23

GOLF

DUBAI LADIES MASTERS

At Dubai, United Arab Emirates
Par 72 (35-37)
Second Round

Shanshan Feng, China	66-67—131
Felicity Johnson, England	68-67—135
Cindy Lacrosse, United States	67-69—136
Joanna Klatten, France	71-65—136
Caroline Masson, Germany	68-68—136
Gwladys Nocera, France	68-68—136
Lexi Thompson, United States	69-68—137
Carlota Ciganda, Spain	70-68—138
Lorie Kane, Canada	68-70—138
Jennie Lee, United States	70-69—139
Bree Arthur, Australia	69-70—139
Lydia Hall, Wales	68-71—139
Beth Allen, United States	70-70—140
Caroline Hedwall, Sweden	69-71—140
Florentyna Parker, England	66-74—140
Klara Spilkova, Czech Republic	67-73—140
Julieta Granada, Paraguay	70-70—140
Dewi Claire Schreefel, Netherlands	69-71—140
Linda Wessberg, Sweden	70-70—140
Tandi Cuningham, South Africa	72-69—141

AUSTRALIAN OPEN

At Sysney
Par: 72
(a-amateur)
First Round

John Senden, Australia	34-32—66
Kim Felton, Australia	33-35—68
Justin Rose, England	36-32—68
Gareth Paddison, New Zealand	36-32—68
Richard Green, Australia	34-34—68
Brendan Jones, Australia	34-34—68
Stephen Allan, Australia	35-34—69
Nick Flanagan, Australia	34-35—69
Marcus Fraser, Australia	37-32—69
Peter O'Malley, Australia	35-35—70
Stuart Appleby, Australia	35-35—70
Nick Cullen, Australia	34-36—70
Mahal Pearce, New Zealand	35-35—70
Marc Leishman, Australia	36-34—70
Josh Geary, New Zealand	36-34—70
Paul Spargo, Australia	38-32—70
Timothy Wood, Australia	35-35—70
Mathew Goggin, Australia	36-35—71
Nick O'Hern, Australia	35-36—71
Peter Lonard, Australia	35-36—71

SOCCER

FIFA

CLUB WORLD CUP

PLAYOFF
At Yokohama, Japan
Thursday's result
Sanfrecce Hiroshima (Japan) 1, Auckland City (New Zealand) 0

UEFA

EUROPA LEAGUE

GROUP STAGE
Second Leg
Thursday's results
AEL Limassol (Cyprus) 3, Marseille (France) 0
Athletic Bilbao (Spain) 0, Sparta Prague (Czech Republic) 0
Bayer Leverkusen (Germany) 1, Rosenborg (Norway) 0
Bordeaux (France) 2, Newcastle United (England) 0
FC Copenhagen (Denmark) 1, Steaua Bucuresti (Romania) 1
FC Twente (Netherlands) 1, Helsingborgs IF (Sweden) 3
FK Dnipro (Ukraine) 4, AIK (Sweden) 0
Fenerbahce (Turkey) 0, Monchengladbach (Germany) 3
Genk (Belgium) 0, FC Basel (Switzerland) 0
Hapoel Tel Aviv (Israel) 2, Academica de Coimbra (Portugal) 0
Inter Milan (Italy) 2, Neftchi Baku (Azerbaijan) 2
Levante (Spain) 2, Hannover 96 (Germany) 2
Lyon (France) 2, Ironi Kiryat Shmona (Israel) 0
Maritimo (Portugal) 2, Club Brugge (Belgium) 1
NK Maribor (Slovenia) 1, Lazio (Italy) 4
Napoli (Italy) 1, PSV Eindhoven (Netherlands) 3
Partizan (Serbia) 1, Rubin Kazan (Russia) 1
Rapid Wien (Austria) 1, Metalist Kharkiv (Ukraine) 0
Tottenham Hotspur (England) 3, Panathinaikos (Greece) 1
Udinese (Italy) 0, Liverpool (England) 1
VfB Stuttgart (Germany) 0, Molde FK (Norway) 1
Viktoria Plzen (Czech Republic) 1, Atletico Madrid (Spain) 0
Young Boys (Switzerland) 3, Anzhi Makhachkala (Russia) 1

AHL

EASTERN CONFERENCE

ATLANTIC DIVISION

	GP	W	L	OTL	SOL	GF	GA	Pt
Worcester	21	11	8	1	1	60	65	24
Manchester	21	10	8	2	1	55	53	23
St. John's	22	11	10	0	1	53	60	23
Portland	21	10	9	1	1	67	69	22
Providence	19	9	8	0	2	44	55	20

NORTHEAST DIVISION

	GP	W	L	OTL	SOL	GF	GA	Pt
Springfield	20	12	4	1	3	70	42	28
Connecticut	21	10	9	2	0	67	72	22
Bridgeport	21	10	10	0	1	64	74	21
Adirondack	20	9	11	0	0	52	60	18
Albany	18	5	8	0	5	40	52	15

EAST DIVISION

	GP	W	L	OTL	SOL	GF	GA	Pt
Syracuse	20	13	5	1	1	74	55	28
Binghamton	18	12	4	1	1	57	44	26
W-B/Scranton	20	13	7	0	0	58	46	26
Hershey	21	9	11	1	0	55	62	19
Norfolk	20	9	11	0	0	59	65	18

WESTERN CONFERENCE

NORTH DIVISION

	GP	W	L	OTL	SOL	GF	GA	Pt
Abbotsford	22	13	4	3	2	58	43	31
Toronto	21	12	8	0	1	70	59	25
Lake Erie	22	11	9	1	1	70	70	24
Rochester	19	9	8	2	0	63	59	20
Hamilton	18	7	9	1	1	38	57	16

MIDWEST DIVISION

	GP	W	L	OTL	SOL	GF	GA	Pt
Rockford	22	12	9	0	1	73	67	25
Grand Rapids	20	11	7	1	1	67	60	24
Milwaukee	20	9	8	2	1	55	60	21
Chicago	20	9	8	2	1	56	62	21
Peoria	21	7	10	2	2	49	74	18

SOUTH

	GP	W	L	OTL	SOL	GF	GA	Pt
Charlotte	21	12	7	0	2	70	61	26
Oklahoma City	20	11	6	1	2	66	59	25
Houston	20	11	6	1	2	67	59	25
Texas	21	11	8	1	1	53	59	24
San Antonio	22	8	11	0	3	58	65	19

Note: Two points awarded for a win, one for an overtime or shootout loss.
Thursday's result
Hershey at Norfolk
Lake Erie at Charlotte
Wednesday's results
Bridgeport 2 Connecticut 4
Peoria 2 Grand Rapids 1
Texas 2 Milwaukee 1 (OT)
San Antonio 4 Abbotsford 0
Friday's games
All Times Eastern
Springfield at St. John's, 6 p.m.
Lake Erie at Charlotte, 7 p.m.
Adirondack at Rochester, 7:05 p.m.
Portland at Binghamton, 7:05 p.m.
Manchester at Providence, 7:05 p.m.
Hershey at W-B/Scranton, 7:05 p.m.
Hamilton at Syracuse, 7:30 p.m.
Milwaukee at Rockford, 8:05 p.m.
Houston at Texas, 8:30 p.m.
Grand Rapids at Chicago, 8:30 p.m.
Saturday, Dec. 8
Bridgeport at Albany, 5 p.m.
Springfield at St. John's, 6 p.m.
Hamilton at Hershey, 7 p.m.
Syracuse at Adirondack, 7 p.m.
Connecticut at Manchester, 7 p.m.
Providence at Worcester, 7 p.m.
Rochester at Toronto, 7 p.m.
Portland at W-B/Scranton, 7:05 p.m.
Norfolk at Binghamton, 7:05 p.m.
Peoria at Texas, 8 p.m.
Oklahoma City at San Antonio, 8 p.m.
Chicago at Rockford, 8:05 p.m.

NFL

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EAST

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
y-New England	9	3	0	.750	430	260
N.Y. Jets	5	7	0	.417	228	296
Miami	5	7	0	.417	227	249
Buffalo	5	7	0	.417	277	337

SOUTH

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
x-Houston	11	1	0	.917	351	221
Indianapolis	8	4	0	.667	265	306
Tennessee	4	8	0	.333	248	359
Jacksonville	2	10	0	.167	206	342

NORTH

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Baltimore	9	3	0	.750	303	242
Pittsburgh	7	5	0	.583	254	230
Cincinnati	7	5	0	.583	302	260
Cleveland	4	8	0	.333	229	265

WEST

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Denver	9	3	0	.750	349	244
San Diego	4	8	0	.333	258	257
Oakland	3	9	0	.250	235	376
Kansas City	2	10	0	.167	188	322

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

EAST

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
N.Y. Giants	7	5	0	.583	321	243
Washington	6	6	0	.500	312	301
Dallas	6	6	0	.500	280	295
Philadelphia	3	9	0	.250	217	320

SOUTH

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
y-Atlanta	11	1	0	.917	317	229
Tampa Bay	6	6	0	.500	333	285
New Orleans	5	7	0	.417	321	327
Carolina	3	9	0	.250	235	292

NORTH

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Green Bay	8	4	0	.667	296	259
Chicago	8	4	0	.667	294	198
Minnesota	6	6	0	.500	262	272
Detroit	4	8	0	.333	300	315

WEST

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
San Francisco	8	3	1	.708	289	171
Seattle	7	5	0	.583	242	202
St. Louis	5	6	1	.458	221	267
Arizona	4	8	0	.333	186	234

x — clinched playoff berth; **y** — clinched division.

WEEK 14

Thursday's result
Denver at Oakland
Sunday's games — All Times Eastern
St. Louis at Buffalo, 1 p.m.
Dallas at Cincinnati, 1 p.m.
Baltimore at Washington, 1 p.m.
San Diego at Pittsburgh, 1 p.m.
Kansas City at Cleveland, 1 p.m.
N.Y. Jets at Jacksonville, 1 p.m.
Philadelphia at Tampa Bay, 1 p.m.
Tennessee at Indianapolis, 1 p.m.
Chicago at Minnesota, 1 p.m.
Atlanta at Carolina, 1 p.m.
Miami at San Francisco, 4:05 p.m.
New Orleans at N.Y. Giants, 4:25 p.m.
Arizona at Seattle, 4:25 p.m.
Detroit at Green Bay, 8:20 p.m.
Monday's game
Houston at New England, 8:30 p.m.

TRANSACTIONS

MLB

AMERICAN LEAGUE

BOSTON RED SOX—Acquired RHP Kyle Kaminska from Pittsburgh to complete an earlier trade and assigned him to Pawtucket (IL). Agreed to terms with RHP Koji Uehara.
DETROIT TIGERS—Acquired 2B Jeff Kobernus from Boston Red Sox for INF-OF Justin Henry.
MINNESOTA TWINS—Acquired RHP Vance Worley and RHP Trevor May from Philadelphia for OF Ben Revere.
TAMPA BAY RAYS—Agreed to terms with 1B James Loney on a one-year contract.
TEXAS RANGERS—Sent RHP Wilfredo Boscan to San Diego to complete an earlier trade. Agreed to terms with 1B-DH Brandon Allen, RHP Jake Brigham, RHP Evan Meek and RHP Randy Wells on minor league contracts.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

ATLANTA BRAVES—Agreed to terms with OF Reed Johnson on a one-year contract.
NEW YORK METS—Traded LHP Kyle Lobstein to Detroit for cash.

NBA

TORONTO RAPTORS—Assigned F Quincy Acy to Bakersfield (NBADL).

NFL

BUFFALO BILLS—Signed OT Chris Scott from Tennessee's practice squad. Placed OT Chris Hairston on injured reserve.
CINCINNATI BENGALS—Signed K Josh Brown. Waived C Jeff Faine.
KANSAS CITY CHIEFS—Placed DL Allen Bailey on injured reserve. Signed LB Leon Williams.
NEW YORK GIANTS—Placed OT Sean Locklear on injured reserve. Signed OL Selvish Capers from the practice squad. Signed OL Paul Fenaroli to the practice squad.
NEW YORK JETS—Signed S Antonio Allen from the practice squad. Signed CB Donnie Fletcher to the practice squad.

ECHL

ECHL—Fined Ontario's Kyle Clifford an undisclosed amount for a violation of the league's exclusive equipment policy.

MLS

COLORADO RAPIDS—Signed MF Pablo Mastroeni to a one-year contract.

U.S. COLLEGE

AUBURN—Named Ellis Johnson defensive coordinator.

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Leading the pack of young T.O. goalies

Empty net. Lack of talented Ontario-bred netminders has had hockey coaches, scouts scratching their heads — but tide is turning

It has been a long time since a goalie of some significance came from Toronto.

Indeed, Ken Dryden may well be the last Toronto-born superstar goalie to have made a splash on the international rink.

Rexdale's Malcolm Subban of the OHL Belleville Bulls has a chance to change that this year at the world junior championships in Ufa, Russia.

"Subban is top-notch," said Dennis MacInnis, chief scout for ISS, an independent scouting service. "He's the best young goaltender we have here in Canada. He's head and shoulders, in our opinion, ahead of the rest of them."

Goaltending has been a weakness internationally for Canadian teams in recent years, both at the junior level and increasingly at the senior level. Part of the reason is that Ontario in general and Toronto in particular haven't been pulling their weight in producing top-quality netminders.

"I won't have an answer as to why an elite (Canadian) goaltender hasn't come forward in the last 10 or so years," said Dave Nonis, assistant GM of the Toronto Maple Leafs. "One thing, you need a little bit of flamboyance and nerve.

"That's one thing he does have — the family genes. They (the Subbans) want to be good at what they do."

Only five goalies from Ontario played significant roles on NHL teams last year and none were born in Toronto, although the GTA might claim Steve Mason (Oakville) and Brian Elliott (Newmarket).

Not only is Subban changing that, but two of the other three goalies invited to camp are from the GTA: Jordan Binnington (Owen Sound) was born in Richmond Hill and Jake Paterson (Saginaw) was born in Mississauga. The fourth invitee — Laurent Brossoit — is from Edmonton.

"It doesn't matter where they come from for this program," said Kevin Prendergast, head scout for Hockey Canada. "It goes in circles. For years, Quebec was the high-end area that all goaltenders came out of. This year, it's Ontario. Next year it could be the West.

"Across the country, every region has great young goaltenders. As to why it's happening in certain regions in certain times, I couldn't tell you."

The others in camp are solid, too. The fundamentally sound Binnington has been on fire for the past six weeks. Brossoit took his team to the Memorial Cup last year. Paterson has been the best player on a weak team.

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Malcolm Subban was drafted 24th overall by the Boston Bruins in June. JAMIE SABAU/GETTY IMAGES FILE

Family affair

Malcolm Subban's older brother, PK, plays for the Montreal Canadiens. His younger brother, Jordan, is a teammate on the Belleville Bulls. They all got their start in the GTHL.

Quoted

"The Subban family seems to have hockey in their blood. He made everybody as nervous as heck, but his team won games. He was a good goaltender."

John Gardiner, president of the Greater Toronto Hockey League

Growing numbers

Ontario goalies on the rise

For a while — from Patrick Roy to Martin Brodeur, right, to Roberto Luongo — Montreal had carried the burden of producing goalies. But now there are more goalies from Ontario (37) listed in the current NHL Guide and Record Book — including a ton of prospects — than Quebec (21).

Comeback. UFC fighter turned to his apparel company during injury

Fighter, entrepreneur: Mike "Quick" Swick can wear his own signature shirt into the cage or design yours.

The UFC welterweight can also help you out with stickers, decals, banners and signs courtesy of his company Spartan Screen Printing in San Jose, Calif.

His day job came in handy when he was sidelined for 910 days due to a digestive disorder and knee reconstruction. After losing to Paulo Thiago at UFC 109 in February 2010, Swick did not fight until this past August.

Following that win over DaMarques Johnson, he returns to action Saturday against Matt "The Immortal" Brown on a televised card at the KeyArena.

Swick, 33, said while he had been smart with his fight winnings, "I never counted on a two-and-a-half-year rainy day.

"I invested all the money that I made, pretty much," he said. "I don't blow a lot. I invested in business. I have a business in San Jose and I did do that smartly so that it took care of me."

Swick (15-4) made up for lost time in his comeback fight, when he collected a $50,000 US bonus for knockout of the night. His resumé also includes owning a pressure-washing company, selling cars, waiting tables and time as a bouncer/bartender.

"I feel like, next to fighting, I guess I'm an entrepreneur," he added. "I love business. I love trying to make business work and making the right decisions and building stuff."

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Mike Swick celebrates after winning his welterweight bout against Ben Saunders at UFC 99 in June 2009. LARS BARON/GETTY IMAGES FILE

UFC

Diaz next on GSP's hit list

UFC president Dana White says Georges St-Pierre has asked to fight Nick Diaz next.

And the UFC boss says the UFC welterweight champion will likely get his wish.

St-Pierre had been thought to be headed to a super-fight with middleweight champion Anderson Silva next. But White says GSP told him he has unfinished business with Diaz. THE CANADIAN PRESS

UFC

First women's fight to headline UFC 157

Former Olympic judo bronze medallist and rising mixed-martial arts star Ronda Rousey will fight in the main event at UFC 157 on Feb. 23 in Anaheim, Calif., where she will face Liz Carmouche in the first women's fight in UFC history. Rousey signed with the UFC in November after winning the bantamweight championship with Strikeforce. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Horoscopes

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March 21 - April 20
You can be successful on a material level but you will also have to take on some heavy responsibilities. Are you prepared to do that? It's important that you decide one way or the other before making your next move.

Taurus
April 21 - May 21
You may doubt that you are up to the task that has been set for you, but you must not let those doubts take hold. Think of life as a wonderful adventure. It's how you play the game.

Gemini
May 22 - June 21
Group activities are under the spotlight today and you may meet someone who has a profound effect on the way you look at the world. If you feel it is your destiny to do something special, you will soon get the chance.

Cancer
June 22 - July 23
If you want to make a name for yourself, now is the time to begin. Set new goals and start long-term projects. Just make sure you know what the consequences will be. This isn't for fun, this is serious.

Leo
July 24 - Aug. 23
Unexpected delays may frustrate you today, and maybe into the weekend, but there is nothing you can do about them. So, lighten up. The scenery may pass slowly but that gives you more time to enjoy it.

Virgo
Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
Your money situation may be going through an up and down phase, but the planets indicate that real wealth is within your grasp. You'll change the way you own and earn over the next 24 hours.

Libra
Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
Someone you usually get along with so well is hard to get through to today. It's as if there is an invisible barrier between you. Don't worry, it's nothing serious. They just need to be left alone with their thoughts for a while.

Scorpio
Oct. 2 04 - Nov. 22
Don't worry if a plan or project you have been working on for months, maybe even years, is still not complete. It's a long-term project, after all. Having said that, see how far you can move it forward today.

Sagittarius
Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
At some point today, you will realize that what seems like harmless enjoyment to you may not be so harmless to other people. It's important to remember that you don't live in a vacuum. Actions always have consequences.

Capricorn
Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
Something will happen over the next two or three days that reminds you of your responsibilities. Most important of all is your duty to loved ones. How can you help ease a relative's pain?

Aquarius
Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
Others may wonder why you are so difficult to get through to but even an Aquarius needs to spend some time alone. Come the weekend you will be your old self again, open and happy and eager to share.

Pisces
Feb. 20 - March 20
The limitations and restrictions of the past few days will start to lift and by Monday, at the latest, you will be free to pursue your own interests. Hopefully, those limitations will have taught you the importance of timing. **SALLY BROMPTON**

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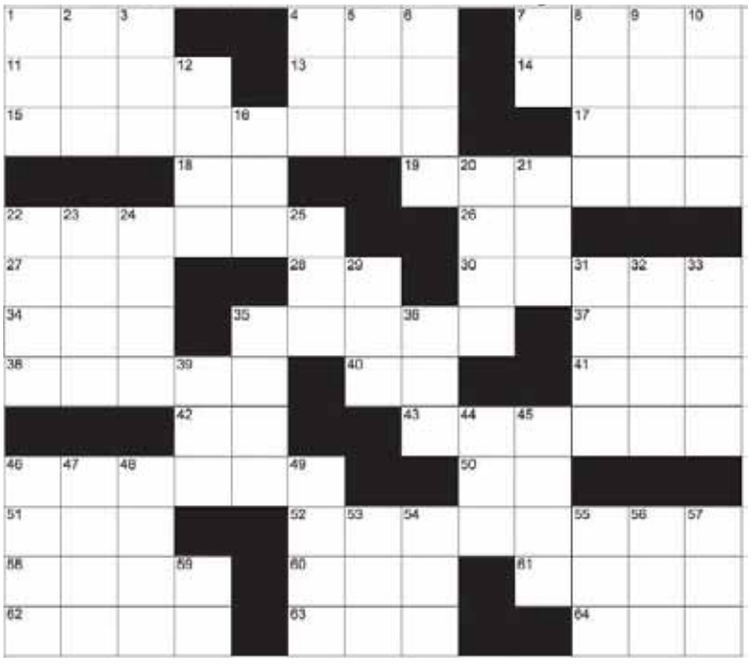

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35. Rise and —
37. Fury
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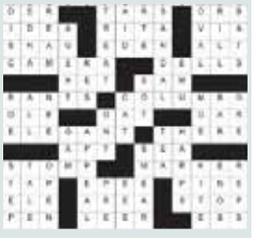
50. Musical note
51. — Ramsey
52. Sloppy
58. Crew needs
60. The Royal Canadian — Farce
61. Boxcar rider
62. Factual
63. On the authority of
64. Coal container

Down
1. Banking convenience
2. Role for Ed Asner
3. — My Children
4. Haze
5. Openings (anat.)
6. Warrior princess of TV
7. Plural suffix
8. "An Officer and a Gentleman" actor
9. Locale
10. Letter starter
12. Zest
16. Chemical suffix
20. Tube
21. Small green veggie
22. Broadway musical
23. Overlook
24. Italian capital
25. Bleachers cheer
29. Concealed
31. Boost
32. Lake near Niagara Falls
33. Flower starter
35. Fasten tightly
36. Henpeck
39. Family mem.
44. Brat
45. Child's card game: Go —
46. Photographed
47. Shed one of these
48. Beige shade
49. On the double
53. Fib
54. Like some verbs (abbr.)
55. Peg
56. Sash
57. Put on
59. Opposite of NW

Yesterday's Crossword



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8		4		5		2	6	
	1	9						
			3					9
5		2	1					
7			6		5			2
					2	8		7
1					4			
						6	3	
	2	5		8		4		1

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